



# *Interviews*

## March

### 2024



## **It's Round-Up Time!**

**March 8 – 10**

### **The Grand Hotel**

### **Cape May, NJ**

**Round-the-clock-meetings \* Beach meetings \* Long-timer's panel \* Dances \* Ice-cream socials \* 5K walk/run \* Hospitality room \* Hundreds of A.A. members from the five-county area and beyond!**

## **Didn't pre-register? No problem!**

**Tickets available at the door: \$45**

**\* Come for one day, or all weekend!**

### **Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker Dinner: \$60**

**\*Your choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian meal**



# A Brief History of the Round-Up

It all began on April 13, 1967 when the Steering Committee, after much discussion, approved Ted R. to head a committee to look into a hotel or motel for about 100 A.A. members for a weekend in Atlantic City. This was envisioned to be an Intergroup workshop-type of thing called a “Spring Round-Up,” that would eventually be sponsored by the Philadelphia Intergroup. On June 8, Ted advised the Steering Committee that a contract had been made with the Deauville Motel in Atlantic City.

The Round-Up was held on Mother’s Day in May of 1968 at the Deauville. Some of the members involved with this first Round-Up including Ted R. were: Charles C., President; Jack K., Vice President; Ralph B., Director, Prison Committee; John (Jeff) J., Director, Public Information Committee; Marvin G., Executive Secretary—Office. All agreed it was a success and that it should be continued each year.

The Round-Up remained at the Deauville in Atlantic City until May of 1984 when, due to the opening of the casinos, it left Atlantic City and moved south to the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City. In 1985, it moved again to the Grand Hotel in Wildwood Crest. In 1989, it moved further south to the Grand Hotel in Cape May.

For a few years, the Round-Up moved up to the Pocono Mountains. But the fellowship preferred the beach, so it moved back to Ocean City, New Jersey. It then moved back to Cape May’s Grand Hotel.

In 2020, just as preparations for another great year in Cape May were underway, the COVID pandemic shut everything down. The Round-Up transitioned online. Despite the fact that there were only a few weeks to pull it together, the SEPIA’s first online Round-Up was a success! The silver lining was members that lived far away were now able to attend. In 2021, COVID was still a threat, so the Round-Up met online again.

By 2022, the Round-Up went back to meeting in person in Cape May, and the fellowship was overjoyed. In 2023, the Grand Hotel had other ideas for the space, so the Round-Up moved to the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City. The fellowship let us know they preferred the Grand, so we are back there in 2024, at a new, earlier date.



# Round-Up Info

## Why Do I Have To Pay a Registration Fee?

In A.A., there are special workshops, conventions, and conferences that are held around the world. The most common misconception about these gatherings is that they are regular A.A. meetings, and since “there are no dues and fees for AA membership,” members should not have to pay to participate if they do not wish to. However, workshops, conventions, and conferences are *special events*, not regular A.A. meetings.

The Round-Up is a special event that requires months of planning and preparation by SEPIA staff members and Committee volunteers, as well a lot of money, to present. Since all of the events are held at a hotel, there are fees (which go up every year!) for the use of the meeting rooms, the hospitality room, the lobby to set up registration tables, internet use, etc. Other expenses include coffee supplies, office supplies, printing costs, and postage. All of these are paid for through the cost of the registration. Unlike regular meetings, no baskets are passed in the meetings to raise these funds.

## Round-Up Gear



By popular demand, this year we will have **long-sleeve** tee shirts featuring the “164 At The Shore” logo. If you haven’t pre-ordered yours, get to the sales table as early as possible, because they will sell out fast! They are \$14-\$16 depending on size.

Pullover and zip-up hoodies will also be available. They are \$28-\$40.



## STEP THREE

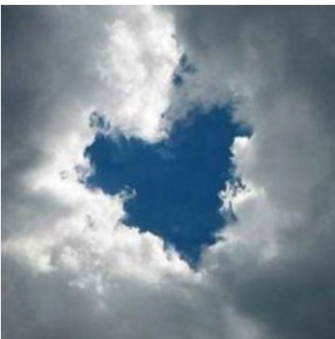
### **Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

Decisions are wonderful. Decision is defined as “making up one’s own mind.” Decisions resolve conflicts. For many, the conflict over drinking and not wanting to drink made a Third Step decision relatively simple. We were happy to turn over our drinking problem to God as we understood God. However, for many of us, we were not so willing to turn over other areas of our lives so readily.

This step helps shift our mindset from thinking directly into action. It opens the door to conforming our will to that of our Higher Power’s. Step Three is the first Step that requires real and continuous action. The first two Steps focus on reflection and introspection. In Step Two, we learned to believe in a Power greater than ourselves (some call that faith). Step Three allows us the place to solidify and act on our newfound faith in ways we never knew possible before coming to the rooms – some call that *trust*.

Have you ever wondered why (in the Third Step Prayer) we “offer ourselves to Thee?” Answer: So our Higher Power can “build with us and do with us as it will.” Have you ever wondered why we ask HP to “relieve us of the bondage of self?” Answer: So that “we may better do HP’s will.” Have you ever wondered why we ask HP to “take away our difficulties?” Answer: So that we fully understand that “victory over them may bear witness to those we would help of HP’s power, love and way of life.”

I heard someone share in a meeting once about Step Three that it’s like when you take your car to a mechanic to have them fix or service it. You trust that they will be able to get it all tuned up and ready to give back to you. They don’t want to keep your car, they just want to get it in good working order so you can move on down the road. Making the decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God (trusting God) is much the same thing.



As we’ve learned in our basic text, the spiritual life is not a theory – we must live it. This means we need to begin putting in practice those things that will ultimately be the foundation to the *personality change* sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism (*once again proving that alcohol is not now, nor has it ever been the problem*). It has been said that “We thought faith said, “I’ll take away the pain and discomfort,” but what it ended up really saying was, “I’ll sit with you in it. I’m here with you and we can walk through this together.” —breakdown by [takethe12.org](http://takethe12.org).

## CONCEPT THREE

### **To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.**

There will be times where we’ll need to trust our trusted servants to make decisions without a group or service entities approval. Concept One & Concept Two by themselves cannot ensure smooth operation of A.A. business. There will be times that full facts (additional background information) and debate not available to groups, will help further inform our trusted servants and their decisions (and their votes on our behalf).

Those decisions may ultimately differ from original conscience's given to them when we ask them to vote on our behalf – but those differently made decisions are vital in allowing them to be more than mere messengers. They have a brain, let’s let them use it.—breakdown by [takethe12.org](http://takethe12.org).



## TRADITION THREE

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### **No “Crackpots” or “Fallen Women” Need Apply: The Checkered History of Tradition Three**

A.A.'s Third Tradition states that “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking”. When you think about it, this is a pretty low bar. Unlike nearly every other organization on the planet, A.A. does not require that you believe in anything, pay anything, do anything, or even sign anything to become an A.A. member. You don't even have to be sober. Though certain meetings might kick you out for the night if you're drunk and disorderly, A.A. itself will never revoke your membership. You are a member of A.A. if you say you are. As Bill W. wrote in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, “No matter who you are, no matter how low you have gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you A.A.”

However, this wasn't always the case. The *Twelve and Twelve* came out in 1953, fourteen years after publication of the Big Book. These were fourteen exciting but difficult years during which A.A. experienced many growing pains. As hard as it is might be to believe today, in the early days, A.A. seemed to be very fragile entity. Growth was slow, and many alcoholics didn't make it. With no other options for recovery from this devastating disease, many A.A. members worried about the survival of their group as well as their own sobriety.

As one early A.A. member put it, “Everybody was scared witless that somebody or something would capsize the boat and drop us all back into the drink.” In response to this fear, each group made up their own “membership rules” designed to exclude those they considered to be a potential threat to the group's stability. One day, the Foundation Office (known as the General Service Office today) compiled these rules from around the country, and the resulting list of people who were excluded from A.A. was mind-boggling.



According to our early member, the list included the following: “Beggars, tramps, asylum inmates, prisoners, queers, plain crackpots, and fallen women.” Some groups went so far as to allow only what they called “pure alcoholics”--people who had no other issues beyond the consequences of their “guzzling”. As quaint as some of these terms sound today, these exclusionary practices were no laughing matter. Put it this way: If you'd ever been arrested, hospitalized, or homeless; if you had a mental illness, were LGBTQ, were single mother, or were divorced, you might have been excluded from your local A.A. group. You also might also have been excluded if you used drugs, didn't believe in God, or weren't white. The consequences of these practices to the individuals cut off from A.A., the only recovery game in town, were devastating.

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Alcoholics Anonymous



So what happened? How did we get from so many closed-minded rules to just one welcoming guiding principle? Basically, trial and error. Experience over time showed that the alcoholics that were considered “problematic” were just as likely to recover and become solid, contributing members of A.A. as anyone else. At the same time, A.A. as an organization proved more flexible and stronger than it first appeared. Too, members began to realize that that to take away an alcoholic's full chance at recovery was wrong, as it might well be condemning that person to a life of alcoholic misery or death. Over time, membership rule after membership rule was stripped away, until finally we were left only with what works: Tradition Three.—Kris H., Philadelphia, PA

## NEW MEETINGS & CHANGES

**4A—ATHEIST AGNOSTIC ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Fridays 5:30 PM Fairmount/Brewerytown Clubhouse 2044 Fairmount Ave Philadelphia 19130. Meetings will use the book *One Big Tent* as inspiration for discussion. Our goal is to share our experience, strength and hope regarding difficulties with faith and God as it regards to Alcoholism. All are welcome regardless of religion or creed.

## EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA

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

**SEPIA's 57th ANNUAL ROUND-UP Is Back in Cape May! Friday-Sunday March 8-10** The Grand Hotel 1045 Beach Ave Cape May NJ 08204. Pre-Registration \$40 thru 2/29; \$45 at the door after. Marathon meetings, beach meetings, dances & more! See flyer in this newsletter for ways to register, and for hotel booking information.

**Saturday March 2: PARKSIDE GROUP'S 73rd ANNIVERSARY (Hybrid):** Calvary United Methodist Church 801 S 48th St Philadelphia 19143. Zoom ID: 215 610 1212 No passcode required. **3 pm.**

**Sunday March 3: RED FOX JOINT MEETING OF A.A. & AL-ANON** Willowdale Chapel 675 Unionville Rd (Route 82) Kennett Square 19348. Speakers from both fellowships—all are welcome! **8 pm.**

**Sunday March 3: 2024 DOWNINGTOWN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING** 307 Clubhouse 704 West Neilds Street West Chester 19382. Free pizza! **2 PM to 4 PM.** RSVP to [DYPC.SQUARE.SITE/PIZZA](http://DYPC.SQUARE.SITE/PIZZA).

**Thursday March 7: SISTERS IN SOBRIETY 33rd ANNIVERSARY (Hybrid)** New Britain Baptist Church 22 East Butler Ave Chalfont 18901. Potluck, fellowship at 7 pm, **meeting 7:30 pm.** Please bring a covered dish! Zoom ID: 137 811 665 Passcode: 136848.

**Friday March 15: CELEBRATING THE 84th ANNIVERSARY OF A.A. IN PHILADELPHIA!** EOM Club 138 Moore Street Philadelphia 19148. 6 pm fellowship & potluck **7 pm speaker meeting 8:30 pm** dance \$27. Info: [adcm@district27.org](mailto:adcm@district27.org).

**Friday March 15: FOGLIFTERS 34 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church 1860 Aquetong Road New Hope 18938. Food & fellowship 5 pm **Speakers 7 pm.** Pot luck—please bring a dish to share!

**Saturday March 16: WISTER GROUP'S 53rd ANNIVERSARY (Online):** A.A. & Al-Anon speakers. All are welcome—feel free to log in early for fellowship! Zoom ID: 550 548 716 Passcode: 006485. **6:30 pm.**



**Saturday March 16: MONTCO HOST FOR PENNSCYPAA XXXV PRESENTS 3RD ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & SPEAKER EVENT** (coffee & desserts too!) UFCW 1776 3031 Walton Road Building A Plymouth Meeting 19462. Dinner 5:30 PM **Speaker 7 PM.** \$20, \$15 for under 1 year sober. For info scan QR code:



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 20: GIRLS NIGHT OUT 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY** St Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church 20 Dill Ave Perkasio 18944. **Speaker 6:30 PM.**

**Friday April 5: ORELAND BEGINNERS 32nd ANNIVERSARY** Christ Lutheran Church 700 E. Pennsylvania Ave Oreland 19075. Food, fun & fellowship 6:30 pm **two A.A. Speakers 8 pm.** See you there!

## OUT OF AREA EVENTS

**THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT 6 AREA 15 (Florida) PRESENTS: LEGACIES IN LITERATURE A.A. COMES OF AGE TRADITION WORKSHOP (Online):** Explore the 2nd legacy of Unity in the traditions. Zoom ID: 991 593 8471 Passcode 615. Mondays 2/12 to 5/27. 8 PM.

**THREE-LEG GROUP PRESENTS A CLOSED A.A. LITERATURE STUDY:** Explore A.A.'s many informational pamphlets in depth! Zoom ID: 452 100 1634 Passcode: 31236. Phone: 305-224-1968. Wednesdays 6:30 PM.

**SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP Presented by FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT TORONTO (Online):** Efficiently, effectively, powerfully taking new people through the Steps as outlined in the Big Book! Weekly Saturday meeting 10 am to 11:30 am EST starting February 3. Zoom ID: 827 4506 5669 Passcode: Sponsors.

**THE 2024 TECH-SHARING SESSIONS (Online):** A monthly opportunity for A.A. trusted servants to discuss the technologies that are helping us to carry the message. Four 1.5-hour sessions include speakers plus 30 minutes of Q & A. ZOOM ID: 876 9307 6500 Passcode: 709533. 3/26/24-Topic TBD. Topic interest survey: <https://tinyurl.com/tssu>.

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND'S 13th ANNUAL ROUND-UP** Friday-Sunday March 15-17 DoubleTree Hilton Annapolis, MD 21401. Info: [SouthernMarylandRoundup.org](https://SouthernMarylandRoundup.org).

**DELAWARE YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA Presents A HISTORY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Saturday March 23 Join DEYPAA for an unfiltered workshop covering the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. Limestone Presbyterian Church 3201 Limestone Rd Wilmington, DE 19808. 11:30 AM-2:30 PM.

**IAAMC MEN'S 35th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE—UNITY: A WE PROGRAM** Friday-Sunday April 19-21 DoubleTree Hilton South Charlotte Tyvola Charlotte NC 28217 Info: [IAAMC2024.org](https://IAAMC2024.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Wednesday-Saturday 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>.

**DELAWARE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. Presents FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** The First State's First YPAA Conference. Sheraton Downtown 422 Delaware Ave Wilmington, DE 19801. Pre-register now at <http://tinyurl.com/deypacon24>.



## Did you know?

This year's catchy Round-Up theme "164 At The Shore" refers to the pages of the Big Book where the program of Alcoholics Anonymous can be found. Otherwise known as "The First 164", the wording of these pages has been unchanged since the Second Edition. Some of the stories in the back of the book have been removed and others added in every printing to reflect the make up of the fellowship as it has grown over time.



## March Literature Spotlight



### Spanish-Language Brochures

Use all five together as a “welcome pack” or individually to carry the message *en español*.

SP-1—*Esto es AA (This is AA)* \$.15

SP-15—*Un principiante pregunta (A Newcomer Asks)* \$.15

SP-16—*Preguntas y respuestas sobre el apadrinamiento (Questions and Answers on Sponsorship)* \$.30

SP-24—*El grupo de AA (The AA Group)* \$.15

SP-20—*Hispanic Women in A.A. (The experience, strength, and hope of Spanish-speaking women who got sober in A.A.)* \$.50





# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Dear Friends and Fellows:

AA GRAPEVINE, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will increase the price of its print magazine for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription is \$36.00, effective April 15, 2024.

Grapevine has held the print magazine price steady through challenging times over the past four years — with costs for paper, printing, and shipping all increasing substantially. The Grapevine Board recognizes that we can no longer sustain the magazine's costs at the current price. Subscribers will receive discounts when ordering over multiple years, or by purchasing the "Complete" option, which includes the print magazine and full access to the website and our new mobile app. Digital subscription prices will stay at the current rates. Active subscribers will stay at their current rate until their term ends.

See [aagrapevine.org/announcement](http://aagrapevine.org/announcement) for more information.

## EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA CONT'D



Friday to Saturday April 26 & 27: **FOURTH ANNUAL NEW FREEDOM CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 30 ROCK BOTTOM BEGINNERS** Griffith Hall 1325 North Pottstown Pike Glenmoore 19343. Starts Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Includes non-alcoholic beverages, snacks and Saturday night banquet dinner. \$30 if purchased before 3/31. Make checks payable to: Chris B. Send to: Ludwig's Oyster Bar 2904 Conestoga Road Glenmoore, PA 19343. Please provide a return address for tickets and agendas.

Friday May 31 thru Sunday June 2: **PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (PENNSCYPAA) XXXV** is coming to Montgomery County! Eastern University 1300 Eagle Road St. David's 19087. Pre-registration \$20.00. More information at: [www.pennscypaa.org](http://www.pennscypaa.org).

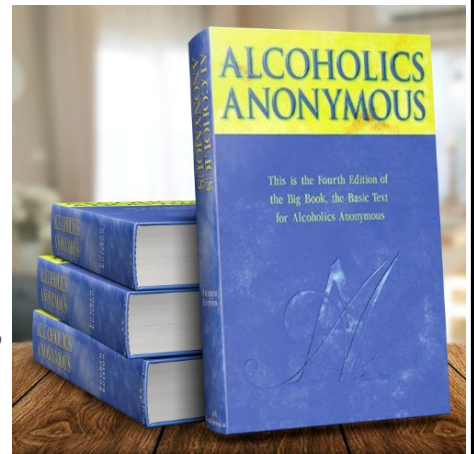
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## **SEPIA** **Sound-Off!**

If your home group has to close its doors for good, please let us know a.s.a.p. so that we can update our meeting list and the Meeting Guide app.

Got leftover books? SEPIA will pass them on to groups and/or members that can't afford them! Call 215-923-7900 weekdays between 10 am-4 pm.



### **Attention All Homegroups!**

The *Grapevine* and *La Viña* Committee is looking for groups to get involved. Send a representative from your group to the online meeting, which meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm, to get started carrying the message in a whole new way!

**Zoom ID: 509 568 0294**

**Passcode: 628025**



**SPACE AVAILABLE IN WEST PHILLY FOR MEETINGS!**

**Vine Street Community Center**

**6135 Vine Street**

**Philadelphia, PA 19139**

**Contact: Dinna Seapoe**

**267-471-8421**



# THIS MONTH IN A.A. HISTORY

## \*\*\* MARCH \*\*\*

- ◆ **March-May, 1938:** Bill W., A.A.'s co-founder, begins writing the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, aka The Big Book. Works Publishing Inc. was established to raise money to support the writing and printing of the book by selling shares.
- ◆ **March, 1941:** The second printing of the Big Book was released with some changes to the wording of Step Twelve. The term "spiritual experience" was changed to "spiritual awakening" and "as the result of those steps" was changed to "as the result of these steps". Also, "Appendix II—Spiritual Experience" was added to clarify the difference between a "spiritual experience" and a "spiritual awakening".
- ◆ **March, 1946:** *The March of Time: Problem Drinkers*, a documentary news film, began production with the cooperation of the New York Central Office. It was the first public film about A.A. work. It can still be found online today.



- ◆ **March 1, 1941:** Jack Alexander's *Saturday Evening Post* article about A.A. was published. A.A. membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by year's end as a result. It is reproduced in pamphlet # P-12. (\$.30)

- ◆ **March 3 1947:** Nell Wing, a non-alcoholic, started work at the Alcoholic Foundation as Bill Wilson's secretary, replacing Ruth Hock, who had retired. Wing would go on to become A.A.'s first archivist, amassing a trove of invaluable historical materials.

- ◆ **March 4, 1891:** Lois Burnham was born in Brooklyn Heights, NY. She would go on to marry Bill W. and later to become a co-founder of Al-Anon.

- ◆ **March 7, 1940:** Bill W. and Lois visited the new Philadelphia-area A.A. group, which had been founded a month earlier. It was the fourth city to establish an A.A. group, after Akron, New York, and Cleveland. P-12, \$.30

- ◆ **March 16, 1940:** The Alcoholic Foundation & Works Publishing moves from borrowed space in Newark, NJ to 30 Vesey St in lower Manhattan. This location became our first headquarters.
- ◆ **March 20, 1995:** *The New Yorker* published an article called *A.A. at the Crossroads*, which wondered whether A.A. was still able to get its message across to modern society.
- ◆ **March 25, 1898:** Jim B., the founder of A.A. in Philadelphia and author of the Big Book story *The Vicious Cycle*, was born.





# SEPIA's Committee Meetings are open to all interested A.A. Members!

## Get involved and make a difference!



**Committee Meetings for the month of March 2024 are in-person and/or online depending on the group conscience of the committee.**

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

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

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

**Chester County (Online):** Zoom ID: 892 2781 6366 Passcode: 266565

**Delaware County:** Holy Myrrh-Bearer's Ukrainian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore 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 19129

## SEPIA Online Committee and Zone Meetings - November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024

Committee Name	Day	Date	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode	Link	Dial-In #
CPC COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Monday	3-4-2024	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	3-6-2024	5:30 PM	840-2179-3007	580960	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048001938?pwd=T1Vkt1JwVTA3VnlEbEZ4d3FRWXFxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048001938?pwd=T1Vkt1JwVTA3VnlEbEZ4d3FRWXFxdz09</a>	646-558-8656
PRISON COMMITTEE (Hybrid)	Thursday	3-7-2024	7:00 PM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVvUzRiRiR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVvUzRiRiR1SmxLMIF3a2FLa3VuUT09</a>	646-558-8656
BUCKS COUNTY ZONE	Monday	3-11-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (&amp; Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966</b>	
CHESTER COUNTY ZONE	Monday	3-11-2024	7:00 PM	816 0449 5799 (Zoom)	266565	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604495799?pwd=eGJyOUNrZjMxdDZzQWVhBdUd3T3FJdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604495799?pwd=eGJyOUNrZjMxdDZzQWVhBdUd3T3FJdz09</a>	646-558-8656
DELAWARE COUNTY	Monday	3-11-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Hmb Ukranian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, 19081</b>	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Monday	3-11-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 East Prospect Ave, North Wales 19454</b>	
PHILADELPHIA ZONE	Monday	3-11-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		<b>Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army 4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia 19129</b>	
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Tuesday	3-12-2024	7:00 PM	832 4414 8913 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJlRjIjMDNRYy9lQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJlRjIjMDNRYy9lQT09</a>	646-558-8656
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Saturday	3-16-2024	9:00am	In Person		<b>SEPIA Office 1903 South Broad Street 2nd Floor Philadelphia 19148</b>	
INTERPHONES	Wednesday	4-24-2024	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	3-20-2024	7:00 PM	882 5844 9206 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09</a>	646-558-8656
TREATMENT FACILITIES(Hybrid)	Monday	3-18-2024	7:00 PM	881 4239 6509	805478	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRjSWt5VXJlUjU3NzBdExtz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142396509?pwd=ZU00WmFMWnRjSWt5VXJlUjU3NzBdExtz09</a>	646-558-8656
UNITY COMMITTEE	Tuesday	3-19-2024	7:00 PM	896 4619 2235 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUt09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTltaGZNUt09</a>	646-558-8656
FINANCE	Thursday	3-21-2024	7:00 PM	842 4075 5543 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjIENDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjIENDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09</a>	646-558-8656
SPECIAL EVENTS	Monday	3-25-2024	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



# SEPIA Financial - Cash Flow Report - January 2024

## SEPIA REVENUE

Category	Jan-24	Cumulative	2023-2024
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>			
BINGO Revenue			\$10,100
BINGO Expenses			(\$1,650)
<b>BINGO Net Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$8,450</b>
Breakfast Revenue			\$15,500
Breakfast Expense			(\$9,080)
<b>Breakfast Net Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$6,420</b>
Round Up Revenue	\$7,747	\$7,747	\$81,050
Round up Expenses	(\$314)	(\$314)	(\$40,025)
<b>Round Up Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,433</b>	<b>\$7,433</b>	<b>\$41,025</b>
Other Special Events Expenses			(\$640)
<b>TOTAL EVENTS NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,433</b>	<b>\$7,433</b>	<b>\$55,255</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
AA Groups	\$29,097	\$62,229	\$210,300
Individual Contributions	\$1,736	\$6,625	\$16,800
Other Contributions	\$0	\$100	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Less Merchant fes)</b>	<b>\$30,774</b>	<b>\$68,764</b>	<b>\$227,100</b>
<b>LITERATURE</b>			
Literature Sales + Shipping	\$13,267	\$30,226	\$119,460
Literature Expenses (Includes Inventory Adjust.)	(\$10,783)	(\$22,992)	(\$92,760)
<b>TOTAL LITERATURE NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,483</b>	<b>\$7,234</b>	<b>\$26,700</b>
<b>INTEREST PLUS OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$1,230</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$41,104</b>	<b>\$84,661</b>	<b>\$311,275</b>

## SEPIA EXPENSES

Category	Jan-24	Cumulative	2024
Share a Day	\$0	\$0	\$600
Zones	\$345	\$920	\$3,450
Committees	\$799	\$3,228	\$44,720
Travel and Training	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Office Expenses and Operations	\$9,409	\$29,926	\$91,035
Staff Salary and Benefits	\$18,249	\$42,280	\$181,200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (Includes Adjustments)</b>	<b>\$28,802</b>	<b>\$76,352</b>	<b>\$326,005</b>
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,302</b>	<b>\$8,309</b>	<b>(\$14,730)</b>

## SEPIA FINANCIAL STATUS

January 31, 2024

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Prudent Reserve	\$286,973
Checking, Petty Cash, Paypal	\$41,490
<b>Total Current (Cash) Assets</b>	<b>\$328,463</b>
Other assets including Inventory (Literature)	\$45,677
<b>TOTAL ASSETS (January 31, 2024)</b>	<b>\$374,139</b>

**\*\* FOR A COPY OF THE FULL FINANCIALS, VISIT THE SERVICE TEAMS TAB, FINANCE SECTION OF [AASEPIA.ORG](http://AASEPIA.ORG)**

# February Contribution

Date	Name	Amount
02/28/2024	10 at 11_30 Group	225.00
02/20/2024	707 Literature	653.00
02/07/2024	AA Kindergarten	150.00
02/28/2024	Ada C	15.00
02/07/2024	Alex N	40.00
02/06/2024	Andrew Fl	10.00
01/26/2024	Ashleigh G	100.00
02/07/2024	Aston Looking Good	100.00
02/19/2024	Barbara Y	50.00
02/28/2024	Barbara Y	50.00
02/06/2024	Brandon A	10.00
02/02/2024	Broomall Big Book Step	100.00
02/14/2024	Buckingham Tuesday Morning	104.00
02/07/2024	Chestnut Hill Big Book	1,750.00
01/26/2024	Conscious Contact-Chestnut Hill	240.00
02/06/2024	Conscious Contact - Nottingham	120.00
02/12/2024	Daily Reflections	45.00
02/28/2024	Daily Reflections	45.00
02/05/2024	Edward D	5.00
01/31/2024	ELISSA H	10.00
02/05/2024	Elizabeth L	2.40
02/28/2024	Every City & Hamlet	918.00
02/28/2024	Fairmount Men's	410.00
02/06/2024	Find Hope Group KOP	500.00
02/07/2024	Flourtown 830	150.00
02/07/2024	Flourtown Six	150.00
02/07/2024	Flourtown Womens	150.00
02/02/2024	Forever Young	100.00
02/14/2024	Friday Night Fortunates	84.00
02/20/2024	Friday Nooners	200.00
02/19/2024	Ted F	75.00
01/26/2024	Gladwynners	350.00
02/28/2024	Glenside 614	517.00
02/03/2024	Glenside Luncheon	50.00
02/14/2024	Good Morning Group	51.75
02/28/2024	Grace Women's Step	150.00
02/06/2024	Harleysville Happy Hour	300.00
02/28/2024	Hope Group Online	50.00
02/15/2024	ISAAC W	1.00
02/28/2024	It Works It Really Does	50.00
02/06/2024	It Works It Really Does-2	525.00
02/07/2024	Ivyland Meeting of Hope	200.00
01/24/2024	Jared S	36.00
02/09/2024	Jennifer S	30.00
02/08/2024	Joseph M	10.00
02/28/2024	Jumpstart Your Day	100.00
02/07/2024	Keep It Green	150.00
02/09/2024	Kelly D	10.00

Date	Name	Amount
02/20/2024	Key of Willingness	10.00
02/20/2024	Key of Willingness	25.00
02/20/2024	Key of Willingness	50.00
02/07/2024	Language of the Heart / Doylestown	76.00
02/06/2024	Life or Death	100.00
02/26/2024	Life or Death	100.00
01/26/2024	Locust Street Beginners	298.07
01/29/2024	Ludwigs Corner	135.60
02/28/2024	Ludwigs Corner	475.00
02/19/2024	Maguire Frank	75.00
02/20/2024	Malvern Center	800.00
02/07/2024	Malvern Center Wake Up	152.00
02/15/2024	Media Flrst Things First	185.00
02/28/2024	Megan T	198.75
02/28/2024	Message of Hope	11.20
01/29/2024	Michael Gabriele	25.00
02/15/2024	Mid Day Miracles Group	363.42
02/07/2024	Monday Midday Step	125.00
02/28/2024	Monday Night Lgbtq	117.78
02/20/2024	Morton Group	180.00
02/13/2024	Mustard Seed 2.0	200.00
02/28/2024	New Life Group	50.00
02/28/2024	Newtown Winners	78.00
01/30/2024	Norristown	150.00
02/28/2024	North Wales	550.00
01/31/2024	Pat B	7.00
02/15/2024	Phoenixville	120.00
02/14/2024	Pottstown Group	150.00
02/28/2024	Prospect for Sobriety	150.00
02/28/2024	Radnor Sunday Night Step	300.00
02/28/2024	Renaissance Group	607.00
01/29/2024	Rolling Hills Big Book	150.00
02/02/2024	Ronald C	25.00
02/28/2024	Sam H	43.00
02/02/2024	Sanctuary (Bensalem)	20.00
01/24/2024	Saturday Serenity	5.00
02/07/2024	Scott B	10.00
02/20/2024	Sharon B	57.00
02/26/2024	Shawn S	10.00
02/07/2024	Simple at Seven	150.00
02/14/2024	Sober at Six	150.00
01/29/2024	Sobriety at Seven	250.00
02/28/2024	Souderton BBSS	50.00
02/12/2024	Soul Sisters	359.50
02/15/2024	Southampton Sunday BB	50.00
02/14/2024	Spiritual Kindergarten	136.50
02/28/2024	Step Angels	100.00
02/05/2024	Stephanie O	20.00

# February Contribution

Date	Name	Amount
02/28/2024	Steps to Freedom Women's	195.00
01/27/2024	Take Action	125.00
02/28/2024	Thursday Night Beginners	150.00
02/27/2024	Timothy K	10.00
02/09/2024	Timothy M	150.00
02/06/2024	Tom M	23.51
02/14/2024	Top of the Hill	114.03
02/07/2024	True Center - Women	870.00
02/28/2024	Understanding Fellowship	655.00
02/11/2024	Unity Group	75.00
02/02/2024	Vernon Park	60.00
02/28/2024	Vlad S	250.00
02/16/2024	Walter S	10.00
02/06/2024	Wayne Group	500.00
02/07/2024	Weekenders-Flourtown	150.00
01/31/2024	West Oak Lane	26.00
02/07/2024	WHIP Media	125.00
02/02/2024	willow Grove Group - 112311	200.00
02/15/2024	Wister Group	150.00
02/28/2024	Women's As Bill Sees It	234.00
01/31/2024	Women Of Hope	200.00
01/26/2024	Young Men's Northeast	125.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,990.51</b>



A Joint Meeting  
of AA &  
Al-Anon  
**RED FOX**

Red Fox Alcoholics Anonymous  
&  
Red Fox Sun. Night Al-Anon Family Group  
come together for a joint meeting (in-person).

‡Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. ‡

Albert B the AA speaker has 49 years

Speakers from AA and Al-Anon,  
and sharing from those in attendance.

Willowdale Chapel  
675 Unionville Rd. (Route 82)  
Kennett Square, PA 19348



I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere...



Let it begin with me, when anyone, anywhere...

All are welcome.

SISTERS IN  
SOBRIETY  
33RD  
ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, March 7th at 7:30PM  
New Britian Baptist Church  
22 East Butler Ave. Chalfont, PA  
Potluck Meeting- Fellowship starts  
7PM  
HYBRID MEETING

Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 137811665  
PW: 136848

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH

**FOGLIFTERS  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

**33**

DATE: 15 MARCH 2024  
TIME: 5-7 PM FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
7 PM SPEAKERS  
POT LUCK - PLEASE BRING A DISH

THOMPSON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1680 AQUETONG ROAD  
NEW HOPE, PA, 18938

Silent  
Journey

11th Step Meditation Meeting

Thursdays 5:30pm - beginning March 14, 2024

Are you interested in exploring **silent meditation** as a means  
of practicing the 11th Step? Join us!

Many of us have discovered that meditating with a group has  
aided in building and strengthening our personal practices.

Individuals who are experienced, novice, or just curious  
about meditation are encouraged to attend.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.  
All are welcome.

William Way LGBTQ Community Center  
Recovery Room

1315 Spruce St, Philadelphia



CELEBRATING  
THE  
**84<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY OF A.A.  
IN PHILADELPHIA

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024  
EOM CLUB  
138 MOORE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

6:00-7:00PM: FELLOWSHIP & POTLUCK  
7:00-8:00PM: SPEAKER MEETING  
8:00-8:30: SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN  
8:30-10:00PM: DANCE FEAT. DJ MEG

GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME  
CASH APP: \$D27 LABEL "ANNIVERSARY"  
INFO: ADCM@DISTRICT27.ORG



**"GIRLS NIGHT OUT"**  
**1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ST Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**20 Dill Ave, Perkasie**  
**Food, Fun, Fellowship- 5:30P**  
**Speaker-6:30P**




**31ST ANNIVERSARY  
SOBRIETY @ SEVEN**

**3 Speaker Meeting**  
Followed by Breakfast

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th  
7am Meeting, 8am Food

Upper Merion Baptist Church  
585 General Steuben Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406

**ORELAND BEGINNERS**

**32nd Anniversary**

Friday, April 5, 2024  
**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP 6:30 PM**  
**2 A.A. SPEAKERS 8 PM**

*See you there!*

Christ Lutheran Church  
700 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA



# ROBERT'S RULES & RESENTMENTS

Workshop on running effective meetings & discussing the 4th step

SPEAKERS, FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAY,  
APRIL 14TH  
10AM - 2PM

AREA 59,  
DISTRICTS  
31 & 32

Coffee  
& lunch  
provided!

W O R K  
S H O P

Marple Presbyterian Church  
105 N Sproul Rd., Broomall, PA 19008

## Wister Group



When: Saturday March 16, 2024

Where: Via Zoom

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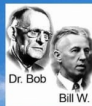
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AA & Al-non Speakers

Time: 7:00 pm

Feel free to log in early for fellowship Starting @ 6:30 pm

*All are Welcome*



### XV CONVENCION HISPANA DE AA DE PENNSYLVANIA 18 y 19 de mayo 2024



JOVENES Y VETERANOS TRANSMITIENDO EL MENSAJE DE VIDA.



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HOTEL: CLARION HOTEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
79 Industrial Hwy,  
Essington, PA. 19029  
TELEFONO: 610-521-9600

CLAVE PARA RESERVAR LOS CUARTOS  
HISPANIC AA CONVENTION

COORDINADORA: ERLING B.  
SECRETARIA: PETRA V.  
TESORERO: GILDARDO J

PARA MAS INFORMACION  
HOSPITALIDAD Y RECEPCION

JOSE B. 267 262 1927  
BALVINO 484 501 1220

#### REGISTRACIONES

SABADO 3:00 PM A 9:00 PM  
DOMINGO: 8:00 AM A 3:00 PM

