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Never Organized, Huh?

by Harold I. - Marietta, Georgia

In AA, who really runs the show? You do. We do. A member helps explain.

Our Traditions are to group survival and harmony what the Twelve Steps are to each member's sobriety and peace of mind. In our "Twelve and Twelve" it tells us that the Traditions symbolize the sacrificial character of our life together and they are the greatest force for unity that we know. They apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline how AA maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows.

Our Ninth Tradition says that "AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." When this Tradition was originally written it said AA needs the least possible organization. But as time went by they decided that AA needed no organization.

Huh? How do you run any place with no organization? What's really meant by "no organization" is that AA can never have an organized direction or government. This is pretty straightforward. It tells us who really is supposed to run the show. You are, we are, since our leaders are just trusted servants. We supply the direction, and they execute. Thus, we have no membership rules and no means of enforcement of obedience or discipline upon our members. We have no power to expel or punish our members. In the Charter of the General Service Conference (GSC) in the Statement of Purpose it states that the General Service Conference of AA is the guardian of the world services and the Twelve Traditions of AA. The conference shall be a service body only, never a government of AA. How many charters do you know that openly declare they have no power?

If you have ever written to GSO with a question about how something should be done in an AA group you know that the normal response contains a suggestion that indicates the experience of other groups, and then a statement that you are free to do as your group determines. What they won't do is tell your group how it has to do it.

The board is given no power of enforcement with regard to the actions of AA groups or individuals, nor does it have any punitive powers. On a group level the



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same principle resides. In many ways this Tradition helped me understand true leadership. I have found that leadership through enforcement is not optimal and eventually does not produce desired results. True leadership steers people to and along the right path without them being forced to do so or face a penalty for not doing so.

We certainly can and do organize ourselves for service through various committees. We do not professionalize or organize in a commercial manner and thus we do not threaten our spiritual foundation. We maintain enough structure to provide these services and enough funds to support them, thus we remain "comfortably" poor.

What do I learn personally from Tradition Nine? Well for one thing, the practice of it demonstrates that leadership, true leadership, is not about getting power. Leadership is about being empowered by those I serve because of my leadership. When I'm being of service I do not need ultimate authority.

I personally think we need to be cautious about how we proceed with the authority we vest in our service boards and committees. We need to make sure that these entities continue getting their direction from the Fellowship rather than giving direction to the Fellowship. That's why it's so important that our groups send their representatives (GSRs) to the district meetings and area service assemblies to carry the conscience of the groups who in turn impart their group conscience on the delegate who carries it to the GSC. This is how we maintain a group conscience that reflects the will of a Higher Power.

A simple example of a necessary need for some forms of organization are our meeting guides and telephone services. Many people find us through meeting guides or hotline services. What would we look like if we didn't have

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September Grapevine now available!



Stories of Gratitude

This month's featured section is "Stories of Gratitude."

AA members share powerful, personal stories about being thankful, appreciating the moment, helping others and living life to its fullest.

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/> 

AA Members: submit your stories, articles or poems!

Do you have a personal story, a poem or an interesting article you would like to see published in the Mountain Doin's?

Send it to us by the 15th of the month in order for us to include it in the following month's newsletter (i.e. January 15 for the February issue). Stories and articles can be up to about 600 words in length. Please include copyright information if the article contains quotes or portions that have been published in a book (i.e. "Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, page ??") or magazine (i.e. "From the (date) Grapevine")

Submissions can be mailed to: NCMCO, 70 Woodfin Pl, Suite 212, Asheville, NC 28801, or emailed to: info@wncaa.org

If you have any questions, give us a call: 828-254-8539. We look forward to hearing from you!

After-Hours Phone Volunteers Needed

Central Office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from 1:30pm in the afternoon until 9:30am the next morning. Most nights don't see more than a call or two, rarely after 10 or 11pm.

Most callers are interested in meeting information so volunteers should have the internet at hand to access the meeting guide.

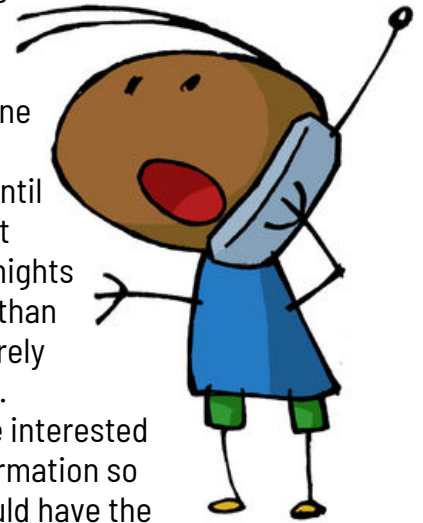
One year of sobriety is required.

Information can be found at:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/about-ncmco/service/>

(scroll down to "After-Hours Phone Volunteer")

Or call Central Office at (828) 254-8539.



Call & Visitor Log July 2025

12 Step Calls - 14
General Info - 5
Family Help - 0
Meeting Info - 32
Central Office Business - 59
Medical/Detox - 0
Visitors - 74
After-hours calls - 47

Visits to aancmco.org/ website:

Unique Visitors - 13,299
Total Visits - 31,566; Visits/Visitor - 2.37
Total Pages - 87,693; Pages/Visit - 2.78



COR/NCMCO Board Meeting

COR/Board meetings are held the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. All A.A. members are welcome to attend but only CORs (Central Office Representatives) may vote so we encourage your group to elect a COR. Your input is important to us!

The Board may have found a new Mountain Doin's Editor! Kelly B. has expressed a strong interest and has met with Pam several times. They will be working together over the next few months as Kelly learns the process. Hopefully she will take over in January, subject to Board approval.

The next General Committee (COR/Board) meeting will be **Thursday, September 11, 6:00pm**, via Zoom Meeting ID: 757 855 2319; Passcode: 000000



For updated meeting information and Zoom link, check the website: <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>



Where to Find Meetings

Printable In-person Meeting Guide



Meetings in all 3 Districts



Meetings in District 70



Meetings in District 71



Meetings in District 80



Cash on Hand as of 7/31/2024

Prudent Reserve
\$16,161.34

Operating Account
\$10,226.57

Rent Deposit - \$900.00

Petty Cash - \$50.00

Profit & Loss YTD

	Jul 2025	Jan - Jul, 2025 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions		
Birthday Contributions	\$113.00	\$138.00
Group Contributions	\$5,932.30	\$19,868.84
Individual Contributions	\$148.62	\$416.96
Total Contributions	\$6,193.92	\$20,423.80
Interest on Money Market	\$1.37	\$9.38
Sales Income		
Literature & merchandise	\$3,143.99	\$19,359.86
Shipping charged to groups	\$45.98	\$352.45
Total Sales Income	\$3,189.97	\$19,712.31
Total Revenue	\$9,385.26	\$40,145.49
Cost of Goods Sold		
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Credit Card Processing		
PayPal Fee	\$26.84	\$216.61
Total Credit Card Processing	\$26.84	\$216.61
Freight - vendor shipping	\$28.97	\$293.87
Literature & merchandise-COGS	\$2,848.14	\$16,703.72
Shipping to groups	\$44.98	\$351.56
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,948.93	\$17,565.76
Inventory Shrinkage	\$39.30	-\$2,470.51
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,988.23	\$15,095.25
Gross Profit	\$6,397.03	\$25,050.24
Expenditures		
Accountant fees		\$255.00
Computer Expenses	\$24.28	\$24.28
Event Expenses		\$442.62
Fire Inspection (good for 3yrs)		\$54.08
Office Supplies	-\$2.02	\$311.84
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Salary	\$1,600.00	\$11,965.00
Payroll Taxes (Company)	\$1,135.37	\$2,789.24
Total Payroll Expenses	\$2,735.37	\$14,754.24
Rent	\$936.00	\$6,372.00
Stamps/Postage		\$14.60
Telephone & Internet		
Office Telephone/Internet	\$89.06	\$823.45
Virtual Meetings	\$16.99	\$113.93
Web Expenses		\$305.39
Total Telephone & Internet	\$106.05	\$1,242.77
Total Expenditures	\$3,799.68	\$23,471.43
Net Operating Revenue	\$2,597.35	\$1,578.81
Other Expenditures		
Excess Funds Spend	\$863.36	\$3,976.96
Total Other Expenditures	\$863.36	\$3,976.96
Net Other Revenue	-\$863.36	-\$3,976.96
Net Revenue	\$1,733.99	-\$2,398.15



Contributions

Group Contributions:	Jul 2025	YTD
12 & 12 Study Group - 000090348	\$55.00	\$90.00
Acceptance Group 000092265	\$410.10	\$653.10
Agnostics Atheists Free Thinkers Grp - 000092498		\$280.00
All In Group-Waynesville - 000355928		\$37.61
As Bill Sees It Group (Brevard) - 000374290		\$125.00
As Bill Sees It Group (Franklin) - 000093648	\$46.31	\$123.11
Back To Basics Group - 000094453	\$100.00	\$200.00
Big Town Group - 000096080	\$150.35	\$333.17
Black Mountain Group - 000096165	\$50.00	\$50.00
Brevard AA Online - 000453800	\$339.10	\$604.10
Brevard Men's Group - 000096757		\$120.00
Brevard Serenity Group - 000096758		\$464.00
Bryson City Group - 000097273	\$40.00	\$90.00
Burnsville Group - 000235484		\$90.00
BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee Group - 000409871		\$31.00
Candler K.I.S.S. Group - 000098073		\$132.00
Cashiers Valley Group - 000098360	\$412.00	\$768.64
Common Sense Group - 000099801		\$245.00
Conscious Contact Group - 000099980	\$153.23	\$637.58
Cullowhee Valley Group - 000100669	\$120.00	\$220.00
Cumberland Group - 000100676		\$50.00
Daily Decisions Group - 000100743		\$1,454.34
Fellowship Group (Fletcher) - 000104116		\$323.99
Good Livers Group - 000107590		\$400.00
Hendersonville Group - 000110033	\$375.00	\$625.00
Hendersonville Happy Hour Grp - 000110034		\$75.00
Hendersonville Men's Group - 000044576		\$100.00
H'ville Women's BBSS Group - 000110036		\$140.00
Hey Girl, Surrender Group - 000392207	\$215.00	\$465.00
High Noon Group - 000110266		\$100.00
Hot Springs Meeting		\$100.00
Joy Of Living Group - 000112527	\$87.83	\$230.50
Lambda Group - 000007190		\$223.69
Leicester Group - 000009461		\$220.37
Liars Club	\$50.00	\$289.00
Library Group - 000010602	\$31.00	\$121.50
Maggie Valley Group - 000016476		\$250.00
Mars Hill Group - 000017945		\$225.00
Mission Group - 000023514	\$5.18	\$16.26
Mountainview Group - 000027730	\$74.00	\$245.52
Newcomers Group - Flat Rock		\$50.00
New Freedom Group - 000032374		\$248.66
Noontime Big Book Study Group - 000409637	\$46.20	\$183.18
Phoenix Group - 000049062	\$80.00	\$496.00
Pine Grove Group		\$100.00
Practicing Principles Group - 000051260		\$95.02
Primary Purpose Group - 000035382	\$80.00	\$80.00
Round Table Group - 000059337		\$99.00
Safe And Sound Women's Group - 000060517		\$203.16
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	\$75.00	\$375.00
Serenity Service Group - 000068387		\$164.42
Sober Sisters Group (Burnsville) - 000460489		\$100.00
Sober Sisters Group (Flat Rock) - 000073208		\$414.75
South Asheville Literature Group - 000075329	\$85.00	\$85.00
Speed Bump Group - 000053487	\$250.00	\$731.70
Spruce Pine Group - 000077533		\$250.00
Spruce Pine Saturday Morning Group - 000379649	\$240.00	\$240.00
St John in the Wilderness Early Bird Grp - 000078454	\$187.00	\$321.00
Strange Camels - Brevard	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sunshine Group - 000085949	\$80.00	\$80.00
Surrender Group (Blk Mtn) - 000086090	\$190.00	\$190.00
Sylva AA - 000086394		\$50.00
The Open Meeting Group - 000418805		\$128.50
The Out To Lunch Bunch Group - 000408968	\$100.00	\$250.00
Tuesday 12 X 12 Skyland Group - 000012529		\$80.00
Waynesville Grace Group - 000022141	\$1,376.00	\$2,731.95
West Asheville Group - 000030473		\$100.00
Women of Courage Group - 000036989		\$493.00
Women's Way Group 000513711		\$50.02
Young People's Group - 000042150	\$329.00	\$329.00
Total Group Contributions:	\$5,932.30	\$19,868.84

Individual Contributions:	Jul 2025	YTD
Anonymous	\$123.62	\$203.36
Gerd S.		\$13.60
Judy M.		\$25.00
Shannon K.	\$25.00	\$175.00
Total Individual Contributions:	\$148.62	\$416.96
Birthday Contributions:	Jul 2025	YTD
Anonymous	\$31.00	\$31.00
Chris W.		\$25.00
Pam C.	\$42.00	\$42.00
Sandra F.	\$40.00	\$40.00
Total Birthday Contributions:	\$113.00	\$138.00
Total Contributions:	\$6,193.92	\$20,423.80

Note: If you think there is a contribution missing from your group total, please let us know. We try our best to get donations listed correctly, but we do make mistakes sometimes and list a donation under the wrong group. As always, we thank you all - AA groups and individual members - for your generous support!

Suggestions & Addresses for Sending Donations to the A.A. Service Structure*

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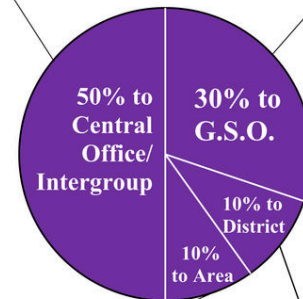
* From the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix." Recommendations for other percentages are also in the pamphlet.

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District 80 Treasurer

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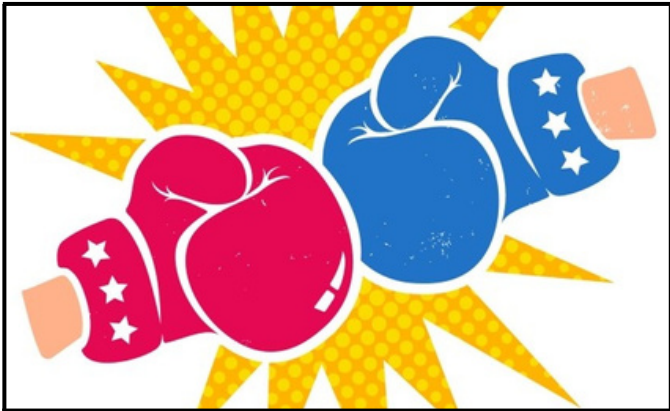
those services? And what would we look like if we had those things but had no structure or format for them?

Keep in mind that all the Traditions are guidelines. If I don't follow them you cannot keep me out of AA. We have committees that may have chairpersons, but they are not bosses. I have been a GSR, DCM, chair of the Metro Atlanta DCMs and treasurer for AA throughout the state of Georgia. In some of those roles I had the authority to write checks and sign legal agreements. And yet I never had the authority to tell a single AA member what to do, nor to punish anyone for not doing what I wanted done or for not doing it well enough.

In my leadership roles in business I had the authority to direct people and the power to inflict consequences for failure to follow instructions or even poor performance. Early in my leadership career I was what you might call an authoritarian leader, and I used the weapons of fear and domination frequently. As I progressed in my AA service, business associates and employees noticed a style adjustment toward more collaboration and inclusion. I will assure you that people liked the Harold AA fashioned much better than the old Harold. More importantly, I became a more effective leader.

Sworn Enemy

by Anonymous - Greensboro, North Carolina



I was waiting for my iced latte at a local coffee shop when a familiar voice called my name. I turned to see my “sworn enemy” standing there with a halfway grin. “Got a minute?” he asked. We sat down at a small table to talk.

I came into AA believing I was a happy drunk who never hurt anyone, but I quickly discovered I was filled with resentments, and though it was rare, I had at least one enemy. We had been business partners, and the end was acrimonious. In the dissolution of our business, he did some things I found unforgivable. He did more harm to me than I had ever done to him. Surely, anyone would agree, I decided. But I kept running across that line in the Big Book, “Putting out of our minds the wrongs others had done, we resolutely looked for our own mistakes.” That’s crazy talk, I thought. How is it possible that sentence is in our book in black and white?

My first sponsor was a sober friend, a lawyer who had helped me dissolve the partnership four years earlier, back when I was still drinking. Being newly sober, I ran the idea of making an amends to that partner by him. “You don’t need to make amends to that @%\$&,” he said.

After a month in AA, I changed sponsors. I was now going to a meeting every day, and the person who would become my new sponsor was at every meeting too. This is where the real



Special Meetings and Events



NOTE: For updates, please check the specific event websites, or <https://aanmc.org/index.php/events/>
See flyers for additional events not listed here.



Labor Day BBQ. September 1, 1:30-6:00pm. AVL 12 Step Club, 1 Kenilworth Knolls, Unit 4, Asheville 28805 (see flyer)

Fireside Sobriety Circle Campout. September 4-7. Yogi in the Smokies Campground, Big Cove Road, Cherokee. For more details see flyer or contact Herb: firesidesobriety@gmail.com

Bridging the Gap Workshop. September 5-7. Hosted by Area 5 – The Greater Los Angeles Area. Sheraton Ontario Airport Hotel. 429 N Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91764. For more information see flyer or visit the website: <https://www.btgww.org/>



The Big Book Comes Alive! September 19-20. St James Episcopal Church, 424 W State St, Black Mountain, NC 28711. See flyer for more information.

8th Annual WNCYPAA Campout. October 3-5. Kuykendall Camp, 116 Cathey's Creek Rd, Brevard 28712. For more information and registration, visit the website: <https://www.avlypaa.com/>



NCCYPAA 2025. October 10-12. Millenium Hotel Durham, 2800 Campus Walk Ave, Durham, NC 27705. For more information and registration, visit the website: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/event/north-carolina-conference-of-young-people-in-aa-nccypaa/> or: <https://nccypaa-2025.square.site/>



Comedy Fest 2025. Thursday October 23, 7:00pm. Hosted by the Monday Night Open Meeting in support of District 70. The Mule @ Devil's Foot Beverage, 131 Sweeten Creek Rd. Ste 10, Asheville, NC 28803

Halloween Dance & Costume Contest. October 31, 8:00pm-Midnight. AVL 12 Step Club, 1 Kenilworth Knolls, Unit 4, Asheville 28805 (see flyer)

Area 51 Events: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/events/>



GSO in New York: For events around the country and the world, as well as great information, go to: <https://www.aa.org/> and Box 459: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36_spring2025.pdf



value of sponsorship became clear to me. My new sponsor could see my situation unbiased by emotion.

It took me a year on Step Eight—becoming ready—to do Step Nine and actually begin making my amends. My sponsor had me practice by writing out what I was going to say and then reading it to him before making amends in person. He kept reminding me, “This is not about what he did, it’s about your part.” Then he would add, “Pray about it, asking that everything you want for yourself be given to him.” I went over the amends to my former business partner with my sponsor every month, and one day he said, “I think you’re ready.” My amends was not received well. My “sworn enemy” did not believe a word of it. But something wonderful happened. I changed. I quit fighting him. Whenever he and I would run into one another, I was able to be gracious.

I continued to pray for him and my feelings for him changed in my heart. Slowly over the years, my icy wall of contempt began to melt. He and I even connected on social media. One day I noticed he had liked a photo I posted. Eventually we met by chance in a coffee shop one day. We sat down together and reminisced about all the good times we had had. It was great fun. Who knew? Thank you, AA. I have lost an enemy and regained a friend.

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The Service Express

District 70

GSR Business Meeting – held the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday, September 14, 2:30pm**. It will be a hybrid meeting, with an in-person meeting at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 219 Chunns Cove Rd, Asheville, 28805, and Zoom capability: Meeting ID: 933 8500 3069; Passcode 672458. For updates go to the website: <https://ashevilleaa.org>



Accessibilities Committee – The Chairperson is Carolyn O. Want to make sure your A.A. group or event is accessible to all? Contact Carolyn at access@ashevilleaa.org for an Accessibilities Checklist. The Accessibilities Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm. Go to the NCMCO website calendar for the Zoom link: <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>

Archives Committee – The Chairperson is Dennis H. Bill W. is quoted with: "We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian." Members are needed to accomplish this. If your service commitment leads you to gather local history this is your committee. Currently the committee is engaged in recording oral histories, collecting group histories, and collecting/preserving memorabilia donated to the collection. This is a great way to meet members with long-time sobriety and learn about Groups carrying the message in WNC! For more information contact Dennis at archives@ashevilleaa.org. The Archives Committee meets the first Saturday of every month at 2:00pm. Go to the NCMCO website calendar for the Zoom link: <https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>

CPC/PI Committee – The Chairperson is David. These are two separate service committees – "Cooperation with the Professional Community" and "Public Information". The CPC Committee visits schools, businesses, and community meetings to speak about A.A. The PI Committee provides accurate A.A. information to the public and media when requested. For more information, contact David at cpc-pi@ashevilleaa.org

Corrections Committee – Meetings are open in all facilities. The next orientation at Western Correctional Center for Women (in Black Mountain) will be **Monday, September 8, 6:00pm**. Please contact Liz if you are interested in attending. Buncombe County and Yancey County Detention Facilities are also in need of volunteers. And they need volunteers for the Pre-Release program (see flyer). This is rewarding 12th Step work, helping those on the inside transition to the outside. For more information about Corrections and to become a volunteer, please contact Liz P, the Women's Corrections Chair, at corrections_women@ashevilleaa.org, or Mitch R, the Men's Corrections Chair, at corrections_men@ashevilleaa.org, or PreRelease@AshevilleAA.org

Literature and Grapevine Committee – The new Chairperson is Mary Kate. She can be reached at literature@ashevilleaa.org. The focus of the committee is to ensure that A.A. literature and Grapevines are available to all groups, service meetings, and other A.A. events.

Technology Committee – The Chairperson is George M. If anyone is having trouble getting a hybrid or online-only meeting going or having technical issues, please reach out to George at technology@ashevilleaa.org and he can offer support.

Treatment Facilities Committee – The new Chairperson is Anna B. It's all about bringing the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities. The Treatment Committee continues to

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schedule weekly speakers at numerous treatment centers in District 70. They are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested, contact Anna at treatment@ashevilleaa.org. The Treatment Committee meets the last Sunday of every month at 7:00pm. Go to the NCMCO website calendar for the Zoom link:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>
"Bridging the Gap" (with treatment facilities) – The Chairperson is Monica. This is a Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in a treatment facility make that transition from "inside" the program to life on the "outside". There are many different volunteer opportunities. Contact Monica at bridgingthegap@ashevilleaa.org

For more information on Bridging the Gap and upcoming events, visit the website: www.btgww.org



District 71

GSR Business Meeting – There will not be a meeting in August; the next meeting will be **Saturday, September 13, 9:30am**, at the Hendersonville Group building, 1624 Willow Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739. All A.A. members are welcome! They need more volunteers for Henderson County jail, and these service positions currently need to be filled: Alternate DCM, Events Coordinator, CPC/PI Chair, and Accessibilities Chair. Also, the following positions will be available at the end of 2025: DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Chairs for Treatment, Corrections, CPC/PI and Accessibilities. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Alan, the District 71 DCM, by email: nc71aa@gmail.com or through the District 71 website: <https://www.nc71.org/contact>



District 80

GSR Business Meeting – held quarterly. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 12, 1:30pm**. All GSRs: Please note that this is an Election Meeting. The following positions are being vacated and need to be filled: DCM, Alt DCM, Webmaster/Registrar, and NCMCO Rep. Service Roles, Duties and Voting Guidelines for these positions are detailed in the District 80 Service Manual, available on the District website: <https://aawnc80.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/D80-Service-ManualU.pdf>



This will be a hybrid meeting with Zoom capability as well as an in-person meeting. The in-person location will be on the WCU Campus at 245 Memorial Dr, Room 336 (Cherokee Rm). They will be using the WCU Zoom system; the meeting ID will be provided on the invite emailed to participants 30 minutes before meeting; no password required. Check their website for meeting updates and links: <http://aawnc80.com>



NOTE to all District DCMs and Committee Chairs:

Please send me updates that you would like included in the next issue of the Mountain Doin's. If possible, I would like to have the information by the 15th of the month. Email: news@wncaa.org Much appreciated!



Happy Anniversary!

Acceptance Group

David N.	9-06-2022	3 yrs
Pamela P.	9-10-2014	11 yrs
Ed B.	9-15-1997	28 yrs
Michelle P.	9-24-1991	34 yrs

Back to Basics Group - Weaverville

Paul M.	9-01-2013	12 yrs
Benton B.	9-13-2022	3 yrs
Ginger H.	9-13-1991	34 yrs
Matthew M.	9-20-2010	15 yrs

Black Mountain Group

Joel H.	9-16-2007	18 yrs
Nicole	9-24-2017	8 yrs

Conscious Contact

Siobhan S.	9-11-2021	4 yrs
Roger K.	9-26-1981	44 yrs

Daily Decisions Group

Joey D.	9-02-2021	4 yrs
Bruce N.	9-07-2021	4 yrs
Luke R.	9-27-2018	7 yrs

Fellowship Group

Taylor F.	9-01-2012	13 yrs
Dan A.	9-01-2021	4 yrs
Ray W.	9-04-2017	8 yrs
Carl G.	9-09-1996	29 yrs
Lisa D.	9-11-2015	10 yrs
Jay M.	9-18-2022	3 yrs
Ken W.	9-22-2022	3 yrs
Stephanie G.	9-25-2019	6 yrs
Gerd S.	9-27-1979	46 yrs
Frank B.	9-27-1989	36 yrs
Natalie R.	9-30-2017	8 yrs

Grace Group

Margaret B.	9-04-2005	20 yrs
Sean F.	9-08-2013	12 yrs
Casey S.	9-11-2000	25 yrs
John M.	9-18-2002	23 yrs
Tim C.	9-19-2018	7 yrs
Nat C.	9-26-1989	36 yrs
Charles W.	9-27-2010	15 yrs
Bill E.	9-30-1994	31 yrs

Happy Hour Group

Jim L.	9-09-2002	23 yrs
Randall D.	9-11-2004	21 yrs

Hendersonville Group

Ike F.	9-01-2007	18 yrs
Tom P.	9-06-1994	31 yrs
Nancy M.	9-10-1978	47 yrs
Mark W.	9-15-2006	19 yrs
Jared S.	9-15-2022	3 yrs
Avery B.	9-21-2024	1 yr
Ann T.	9-23-2015	10 yrs
Cate M.	9-25-1982	43 yrs
Craig	9-25-2021	4 yrs
Sue	9-26-2023	2 yrs
Rob T.	9-29-2015	10 yrs

Hendersonville Men's Group

Mike H.	9-19-2009	16 yrs
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Lambda Group

Glenn H.	9-10-2009	16 yrs
William S.	9-10-2018	7 yrs
Tim R.	9-17-2007	18 yrs
Mikey D.	9-17-2018	7 yrs
Megan M.	9-20-2019	6 yrs
Audrey Y.	9-22-2002	23 yrs
Bella Q.	9-23-2019	6 yrs
Michelle P.	9-24-1991	34 yrs

Mars Hill Group

Paul M.	9-01-2013	12 yrs
Sheri W.	9-03-2014	11 yrs
Pai C.	9-04-2024	1 yr
Laura L.	9-15-2013	12 yrs
Bendik C.	9-27-2007	18 yrs

Motley Crew/Columbus

Michael V.	9-13-1979	46 yrs
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Noontime Big Book Study Group

Robert M.	9-23-1983	43 yrs
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One Day At A Time Grp - Rutherfordton

Denise F.	9-06-1992	33 yrs
Tina A.	9-07-2001	24 yrs

Serenity Service Group

Jon B.	9-01-2003	22 yrs
Sandi L.	9-02-2023	2 yrs
Matthew B.	9-11-2023	2 yrs
Lindsay	9-15-2024	1 yr
Chris S.	9-15-2019	6 yrs
Casey	9-16-2024	1 yr
Jay F.	9-18-2000	25 yrs
Henderson B.	9-20-2017	8 yrs
Shane	9-24-2021	4 yrs
Frank P.	9-27-2021	4 yrs
Andy S.	9-28-2021	4 yrs
Beth D.	9-29-2005	20 yrs

Sober Sisters Group of Burnsville

Jill J.	9-20-1986	39 yrs
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Surrender Group - Black Mountain

Michael C.	9-10-2002	23 yrs
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Total Surrender Group

Gabbi F.	9-16-2014	11 yrs
Joy P.	9-18-2022	3 yrs

Traditional Group

Jared D.	9-12-2022	3 yrs
Jonathan M.	9-13-2022	3 yrs
Joel H.	9-16-2007	18 yrs
Sara C.	9-20-2021	4 yrs
Steve V.	9-21-2021	4 yrs
Andrew B.	9-25-2021	4 yrs

Waynesville Grace Group

Doug V.W.	9-01-1998	27 yrs
Bill S.	9-15-1972	53 yrs
Steve A.	9-17-2012	13 yrs

Women of Courage

Laurie T.	9-03-1984	41 yrs
Carolyn R.	9-05-2020	5 yrs
Murri S.	9-12-1984	41 yrs
Sascha F.	9-15-1990	35 yrs
Laurie G.	9-15-2022	3 yrs
Judy Lee T.	9-18-1982	43 yrs
Mary M.	9-23-2003	22 yrs
Christina M.	9-25-2021	4 yrs

Young People's Group

Bekah A.	9-08-2021	4 yrs
Mackenzie S.	9-18-2017	8 yrs
Clayton B.	9-27-2023	2 yrs

Need to update your Group's anniversary list? Call Central Office: (828) 254-8539, or send a new list to: info@wncaa.org

The October newsletter deadline for sending in anniversaries and announcements is September 15.



Does your group have a

COR?

(Central Office Representative)

**What are Central Office Representatives and
What are their Duties?**

Central Office Reps (CORs) and their relationship with Central Office are similar to General Service Reps (GSRs) and their relationship to A.A. General Service Districts. CORs are responsible for voting their group's conscience at COR/Board meetings and for bringing to the NCMCO Board any concerns of their home group.

In addition to this, CORs keep their groups informed about what Central Office is doing. They participate in the bimonthly COR/Board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, December) where they share their home group's experiences in carrying the A.A. message and express how they feel NCMCO might better serve the A.A. community in Western North Carolina.

The NCMCO Board is interested in your feedback. Take our inventory!
What are we doing well? What can we improve upon?
How can we serve Districts 70, 71 and 80 more effectively?
What might we do to draw more participation from groups?

Please send your feedback to: info@wncaa.org

Better yet, attend the next bimonthly COR/Board meeting on Zoom.
See the Central Office website for more details:

<https://aancmco.org/index.php/events/>

PreRelease Program

The purpose of this program is to connect the incarcerated AA member with Alcoholics Anonymous in their community upon their release.

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Make initial contact with the inside AA member via correspondence within two weeks of being matched, and maintain communication with inside AA member through their release.
 - All correspondence is routed through the District 70 PO Box, not through your personal home / mailing address. See separate flyer with more details.
2. Arrange to meet the inside AA member upon their release.
3. Take the inside AA member to an AA meeting within 24-48 hours of release. It is suggested that the first meeting be viewed as a Twelfth Step call, thus taking another AA member with you.
4. You and a friend take them to 3-6 AA meetings. During this time, you help them get acquainted, get phone numbers, and perhaps locate a sponsor and a home group.
5. Review the PreRelease Program with the ex-inmate to avoid misconceptions of what this program does and does not do.

WHAT volunteers are NOT:

1. Responsible for the member's attitude or actions in or out of meetings.
2. Responsible for carrying the alcoholic, as in DO NOT:
 - a. loan money or any thing of value
 - b. become a personal taxi service
 - c. have an emotional or romantic interlude
3. Intended to become the released person's sponsor. You assist with the transition into the AA fellowship and onto the broad highway of recovery through the AA program.

It is suggested that the AA volunteer has completed the Twelve Steps and/or one year of continuous sobriety.

Would you like to know more or get involved? Contact PreRelease at:

PreRelease@AshevilleAA.org

District 70

Attn: PreRelease

PO Box 8574

Asheville, NC 28814-8574

DISTRICT 70 CORRECTIONS



DISTRICT 70

SERVICE KEEPS US SOBER SPEAKERS NEEDED!

We are looking for homegroups to represent one day a month at a treatment center to find speakers for!

Are are currently looking for coverage for:

ADATC (Tuesdays & Fridays)

Neil Dobbins (Fridays)

Costello House (Sundays)

Transformation Village (Mondays)

and First Step Farm (Tuesdays)

We are also looking to connect with AAs who are unable to sign up for a monthly commitment, but who are willing to speak at treatment centers! They will join our running list of volunteers.

Interested in joining the Treatment Committee?

Reach out now!



Email Us!

treatment@ashevilleAA.org





Join us for a
Labor Day BBQ

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Beverages
50/50 Raffle
Corn Hole



MUSIC!!

SEPTEMBER 1
1:30 – 6:00 PM

at the

AVL 12 Step Club



1 Kenilworth Knolls
Asheville, NC 28805

FIRESIDE SOBRIETY CIRCLE FALL



STRENGTH

KINDNESS

HONESTY

SHARING



CAMPOUT

September 4-7, 2025

***YOGI in the SMOKIES CAMPGROUND
BIG COVE ROAD, CHEROKEE, NC***

Bring your CHAIRS, CAMPING GEAR, WARM CLOTHES, BLANKETS,
Rain gear, SPONSOR/SPONSEES... and your POW WOW REGALIA..!

Contact: Herb W. at firesidesobriety@gmail.com

Registration begins ***Thursday after the Sacred Fire is lit!***

NO PETS in Food Serving/Eating area, PowWow, or Sacred Fire Area

NO PETS AT TENT SITES

~NA/AA/Al-Anon Speakers~
Talking Circles ~ Native Teachings
~Meetings, Meetings, Meetings~
~T-shirts / Sweatshirts~
~SOBRIETY Pow Wow~
~Sobriety Countdown~
"MUCH MORE"

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$55 per PERSON (kids under 10 are FREE, 11-12y/o \$15, and 13-18 \$20). ***\$60 at the Gate***
Price includes food and tent/camper site for three (3) nights **EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS August 27, 2025**

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL(S): _____ / _____

PHONE #: H) _____ (C) _____ (C) _____

In Party: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Cut & Mail Registration Form by August 27th
With Checks Made Payable to: Fireside Fall 2025

FIRESIDE CIRCLE
c/o Herb W.
PO Box 2015
Cherokee, NC 28719

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
2025 BRIDGING
THE

Workshop
Weekend

GAP

TEMPORARY CONTACTS

September 5th – 7th 2025

Hosted by Area 5

The Greater Los Angeles Area

Sheraton Ontario Airport Hotel

429 N Vineyard Ave Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 937-8000

Room Rates \$155+tax Room Code BTG

The Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend consists of presentations, discussions, shared experiences and breakout sessions.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I would like to volunteer to help

Email _____ Service Position _____ Area _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

breakout session topics you would like

Registration

Before July 1st \$50 EarlyBird In-Person Weekend Registration \$50

After July 1st \$60 In-Person Weekend Registration \$60

Saturday Only Day Pass \$40

Saturday Nite Banquet \$50

Online Attendance \$60

Vegetarian

Total Person One \$ _____



Register Online at BTGWW.org or Mail this form to and a check to:

BTGWW 10001 E Evans Ave #62D Aurora, CO 80247

GRACE GROUP

Come celebrate with us!

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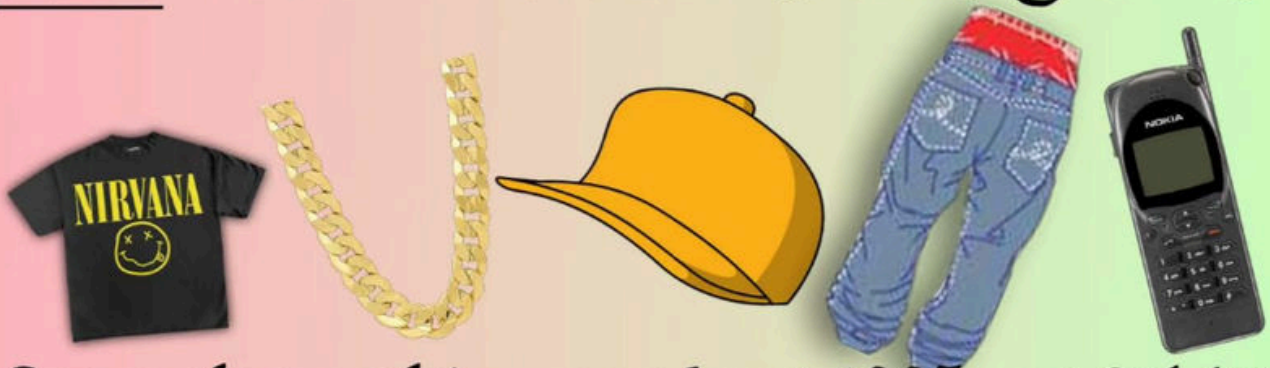
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**Speaker panel, BBQ,
games, Community!**

When: Sunday Sept. 14, 2025

**Where: Weaverville Community Center,
60 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville, NC 28787**

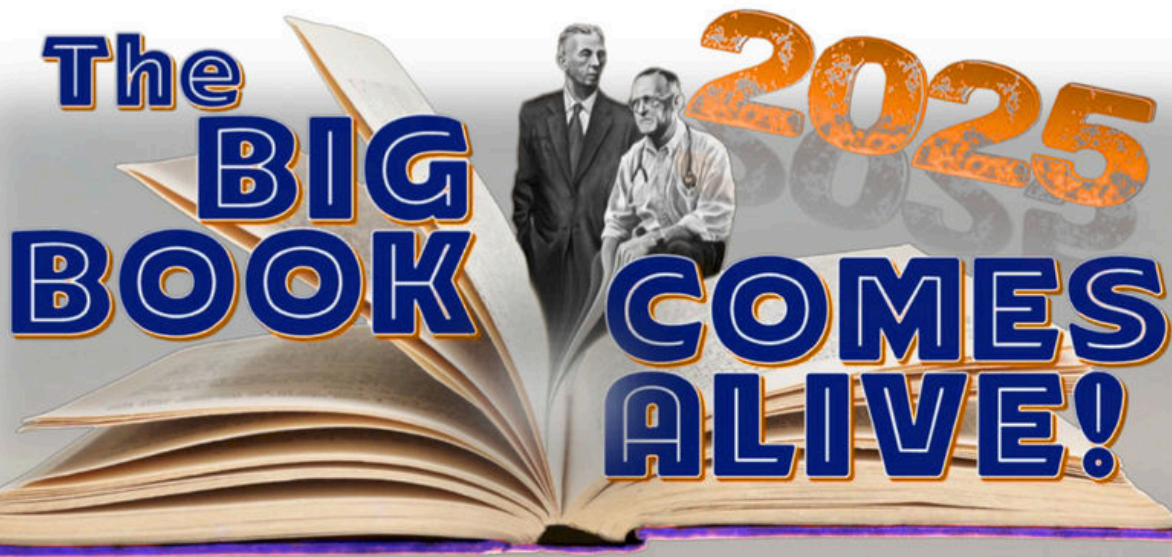
Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM (Panel @ 3PM)



Come dressed in your best 1995 outfit! We know you have baggies and a ballcap.

SEP 19 & 20 BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

St. James Episcopal Church | 425 W State St



Join us for an in depth guided study of the first 164 pages of the Big Book.



Friday 6 PM to 9 PM &
Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM



Coffee, water, refreshments,
lunch (Sat.) provided



Facilitated by
Larry S. (Atlanta, GA) &
Tharin S. (Elgin, TX)

HOW TO REGISTER:

Contact: Yvonne W.

Email: vonbon0909@gmail.com

Cost is \$30 per person. Payment options include CashApp, Venmo, personal check, and cash. Please state your preference in your email along with your name and phone number.

Bring your Big Book, a notebook, pen and highlighter!

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA COMMITTEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

8TH ANNUAL

WNCCYPAA CAMPOUT

\$35

MEALS INCLUDED!

Co-hosted by
NCCYPAA



FRI OCT 3-SUN OCT 5, 2025

KUYKENDALL GROUP CAMP | BREVARD, NC

PRE-REG



- Meals, snacks, & coffee included!
- Fall in the Blue Ridge Mountains
- Primitive tent camping in Pisgah National Forest
- 50 minutes from Asheville
- 10 minutes from Brevard
- Direct access to a river & hiking trails
- Speaker meetings
- Glow rave games!
- Scavenger hunt
- Campfire Mafia & more!

 **AVLYPAA.COM**

Questions? Send us an email at:
AshevilleYoungPeople@gmail.com

WNCCYPAA CAMPOUT

Oct 3-5, 2025 | Co-Hosted by NCCYPAA

Fri, Oct 3

2:00PM

Registration Opens

5:30PM

Dinner: Tacos

7:00PM

Discussion Meeting

8:30PM

S'mores &
Burn Your Desires

Sat, Oct 4

9:00AM

Breakfast: Pancakes

Sponsored by NCCYPAA

10:00AM

Yoga & Reiki



ALSO:

- Volleyball
- Pickle ball
- LED frisbee
- Fireside Mafia
and other late
night games
- Arts & crafts

Check out by
11AM on Sun



11:00AM

Group Hike

12:30PM

Lunch: Sandwiches

1:30-4:30PM

Scavenger Hunt

6 people max to a team

4:30PM

Bingo

Sponsored by NCCYPAA

5:30PM

Dinner: Pasta

7:00PM

Speaker Meeting

Graham S. from Orlando

9:00PM

Glow Rave Games

Kuykendall Group Camp | Brevard, NC | AVLYPAA.com



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**District 70/NCMCO
FALL PICNIC 2025**

Spend an afternoon by the lake with good food, friends, and a team trivia challenge.

OCT 5

12 PM

We'll provide the chili, sloppy joes, all the fixins, and beverages. Bring a dessert to share if you can.

**Bragging rights and prizes
will be awarded!**

LAKE JULIAN PARK

SHELTER 1

37 Lake Julian Rd, Arden, NC 28704

We Absolutely Insist On Enjoying Life!

NCCYPAA CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 10-12th



Millennium Durham

Register for conference



Book Hotel



Volunteer



FIRST EVER!

MONDAY NIGHT
OPEN MEETING



COMEDY FEST 2025

**THE MULE @ DEVIL'S
FOOT BEVERAGE**

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23

AT 7:00 PM



IN SUPPORT OF DISTRICT 70!

FELLOWSHIP FOOD TRUCKS & FUN

*HALLOWEEN DISCO



PARTY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25TH
5pm-8pm

70's costumes encouraged

Cullowhee Baptist Church
148 Central Drive on WCU campus

Potluck!

Please bring a dish or candy to share!

The background is a light beige color with several illustrations of pumpkins and autumn leaves. There are five pumpkins with different faces: one with a wide smile, one with a surprised expression, one with a sad expression, one with a neutral expression, and one with a wide, toothy grin. The leaves are in various colors including brown, orange, and purple, and are scattered around the pumpkins.

HALLOWEEN DANCE & COSTUME CONTEST

October 31st
8 p.m. - Midnight

Contest 10:45 pm
1st Place \$100
2nd Place \$50
50/50 Raffle 9:45 pm
Limbo Contest 9pm

Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages & Candy
supplied by the Club

1 Kenilworth Knolls
Asheville, NC 28805

LOVE & SERVICE AA GROUP PRESENTS

THREE LEGACIES CONFERENCE

STEPS, TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS
-HOPE CENTER CHURCH-

2275 MORELLO AVENUE-PLEASANT HILL CA 94523

SPEAKERS

KERRY MEYER, (CLASS A TRUSTEE)

LESLIE K., MODESTO, CA

SHARON A., DEPOT BAY, OR

ARISA B., BROOKLINE, MA

DAVID N., SANTA ROSA, CA

JENNIFER B., SANTA ROSA, CA

MIKE S., RIVERSIDE, CA

NOVEMBER

7 & 8,
2025

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

4:00PM: REGISTRATION OPEN

6:00PM: EVENT SPEAKER

7:45PM: EVENT SPEAKER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2025

8:30AM: FREE CONT. BREAKFAST

9:00AM: EVENT SPEAKER

10:45AM: SERVICE PANEL

12:00PM: FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

1:00PM: EVENT SPEAKER

2:45PM: EVENT SPEAKER

5:00PM: BANQUET

6:15PM: FINAL SPEAKER

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION
INCLUDES ZOOM

EARLY BIRD-\$30

ENDS 6/30

STANDARD-\$44

ENDS 10/31

LAST CALL-\$55

ZOOM ONLY - \$25 INCLUDES
FREE SPEAKER DOWNLOAD



3LEGACIESCONFERENCE.ORG

“Freedom from Within”

NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE 2025

Nashville Tennessee November 7th – 9th 2025

Join us for the 8th Annual National Corrections Conference at
“The Inn at Opryland”



Johnny Cash Package: Registration, Ice Cream Social, Hospitality Room, Coffee = \$150.

Dolly Parton : Registration, Ice Cream Social, Hospitality Room, Coffee, Banquet Saturday Night = \$200.

Registration!!! Use QR Code

Or go to: Nationalcorrectionsconference.org

For more information contact:

Charlie B. (615) 554-9085

Morris R. (615) 971-4440

or

Shannon K.

2025.ncc.1@gmail.com



8th Annual National Corrections Conference

**Hear the message of HOPE!
How many became free while
incarcerated because
someone cared enough to
carry the AA. message into
their facility**

**Speakers from
across the country
Live Music**

**There are over 35,000 AAs in
confinement and over 1,400 prison
groups throughout the United
States and Canada. These meetings
answer only a fraction of the need
for more groups in correctional
facilities across the country. Many
there reach for, but don't find, the
hand of AA.**

ATTRACTIONS

**1/2 mile from Opryland Hotel
1/2 mile from KOA campground for
--your RV
3/4 mile to the Grand Ole Opry,
Bus rides to an AA Prison meeting,
Nashville Tours on the "Hop On Hop
Off Trolleys"**

11th Annual
National A.A. Technology Workshop

November 7-9, 2025

Registration is Now Open
for our **Hybrid Workshop!**

Join us in person at
The Hilton at the
Cincinnati/Northern
Kentucky International
Airport (CVG)

Or register to attend
online via Zoom



<https://naatw.org/2025-naatw-workshop/>

2025 Theme
Adapt | Connect | Protect:
Building the A.A. Technology Toolbox



Scan Here
for 2025
Event Page



Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting November 14-16, 2025

THE HILTON RALEIGH NORTH HILLS
3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

ADVANCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Deadline for Reservations: October 14th, 2025

Group Code: AR51

Group Name: Area 51 General Service Fall Assembly 2025

Room Rates: \$179.00 Single/Double, \$10.00 per additional guest

Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]

Internet: Link for direct reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfr2hsj>

Internet: Link for hotel information: www.northraleigh.hilton.com

For Best Results:

- **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**
- Call as soon as possible but before the deadline. It's easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute!
- Please note, once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely there will be other rooms left in the hotel.
- Specify the group code "AR51" and the group name "Area 51 General Service Fall Assembly 2025."
- If possible, call the Hilton Raleigh North Hills directly at 919-872-2323 during business hours Monday through Friday. This gives you the best chance to speak with a reservations clerk at the hotel. At other times - when the hotel clerks are busy -- calls to this number may be transferred to a regional reservations center.
- Be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability, please contact Lindsey H., the Area Chairperson, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

**Thank you for your service and support of Area 51.
See you at the 2025 Fall Committee and Assembly!**