

Newsletter District 11

“INTO ACTION”

Alcoholics Anonymous



AREA EVENTS

4th of July at 224 - 3pm 7519 Amite Church Road, Denham Springs, LA

Big Book Study - July 17 6:00 - 9:30pm;
July 18 9am - 6pm Broadmoor UMC
10230 Mollylea Dr Baton Rouge

State Convention - August 21-23, 2026
Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza Hotel. (aa-
lastateconvention.org for more
information)

Redstick Roundup Jan 22-25, 2027,
Holiday Inn South Baton Rouge, LA

**Submit your group events or suggestions
by last Sunday of the month to have
them posted in Newsletter:**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **DISTRICT 11 - 1ST SUNDAY
5PM - 7519 AMITE CHURCH
RD DENHAM SPRINGS &
HYBRID**
- CASC meets 1st Tuesday of
each month at 6:30pm at the
Central Office.
- T&C meets 2nd Thursday 6:30
in the Alanon Room at Club 12
on Beaumont Drive
- PI/CPI meets last Thursday of
the month 6:30 at the Central
Office
- LASCYPAA meets 1st Sunday
at 3pm at the Central Office
- Grapevine – meets 3rd Sunday
at the Central Office (C) at
4:15,
- State Convention committee
meets 4th Sunday at the Central
Office at 3pm

DISTRICT 11 GROUP BIRTHDAYS

JULY/AUGUST

Submit your group birthday's by last
Sunday of the month to have them
posted in the Newsletter
secretaryd11la@gmail.com

Your District 11 Committee

Shirley C – DCM 225-259-1052
Open position – Alt DCM
Brook B – Secretary
Brett L – Treasurer
Rolando W – Workshop
Open position – Outreach

COMMITMENT TO AA SERVICE WORK

Last month's newsletter included a section on AA groups, district meetings, area assemblies, and the General Service Conference. The "Circles of Love and Service" article offered an overview of the AA service structure and reminded us that service is part of how AA continues to carry the message.

When I first sobered up and was trying to understand what Alcoholics Anonymous was all about, I met with my sponsor every Friday night—and more often when I needed it. Her willingness to be available was an act of service in my journey to stay sober. It was not her job to get me sober or keep me sober; her role was to be there when I reached out. My responsibility was to put down the bottle, do the footwork, clean up the past, and begin changing my way of life.

BEGINNING SERVICE WORK WITHIN A HOME GROUP

My journey in service work began when I joined a home group with readiness rather than reluctance or complaint. Being part of a home group helped me understand that service is not separate from recovery; it is one of the ways we help keep Alcoholics Anonymous available for the next person who needs it.

- The home group's first responsibility is to keep the doors open for the alcoholic who is trying to stay sober.
- Business meetings and group conscience discussions help the group take inventory and remain guided by the Twelve Traditions.
- The group also has a responsibility to be of service to the broader AA community.

HOTLINE SERVICE: PURPOSE, NEED, AND PARTICIPATION

In the Greater Baton Rouge area, Central Office provides several valuable services that support AA groups and help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. One of those important services is the Hotline, which depends on steady participation from local groups.

At this time, 33 of the 209 groups in the Greater Baton Rouge area participate in the Hotline. Because all 52 weeks of the year need coverage, broader group participation would help share the responsibility more evenly and reduce burnout among the volunteers who are already serving.

Groups are encouraged to consider how they can support the Hotline and help keep this vital service available throughout the year.

- Take this information back to your home group.
- Discuss the need for Hotline rotation coverage during your group conscience or business meeting.
- Vote on whether your group can commit to the Hotline rotation and register your group with Central Office.

Service work is not always noticed, and we should not expect recognition for it. Its purpose is to carry the message and help keep Alcoholics Anonymous available to those who still need it.

DISTRICT 11 PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

District 11 currently includes a variety of groups at different levels of participation:

- 15 active groups are currently participating in the district.
- 5 additional groups are discussing whether to become part of the district.
- 5 very small groups are not currently active in service commitments because of low attendance.

That is okay. Every group, no matter its size, remains a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and provides a necessary service by keeping a meeting available in its community.

Let's do our part by encouraging our groups to participate in the Hotline rotation.

HONORING OUR SERVICE COMMITMENTS

Finally, when we make a service commitment—whether that means opening a meeting, making coffee, answering the Hotline, or serving on a committee—we have a responsibility as sober members to honor that commitment for the full duration of the term. In AA, quitting is something we reserve for drinking—not for the commitments we have agreed to serve.

As your DCM, my purpose is not to create guilt or discourage anyone. My hope is to inform, share what needs to be shared within our district, and encourage each group to consider how we can faithfully serve for the full duration of our commitments.



DISTRICT 11 GROUP CONTRIBUTION
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Area 27 New GSR Packet:



New GSR?

Send Your Information to The Registrar:



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



Meeting Guide App



Area 27 Assembly Schedule



- March 28th-29th, 2026
- August 15th-16th, 2026
- November 7th-8th, 2026

Visit <https://aa-louisiana.org/area 2/>



Featured Groups of District 11

District 11 is delighted to recognize and highlight the dedication and service of groups within our recovery community who carry the message, support unity, and create welcoming spaces for all seeking recovery.

Through fellowship, service work, sponsorship, and community involvement, these groups help strengthen the foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout District 11. Their commitment to recovery, outreach, and participation reflects the spirit of service that keeps our district connected and growing.

We are grateful for all groups that open their doors, support newcomers, participate in district events, and continue to demonstrate the principles of recovery through action. Together, we continue to build a stronger recovery community for everyone.

July's District 11 highlighted group is....drum roll (see next page)

Beyond The Bottle Group

Meeting Location: 726 Maple Street, Denham Springs, LA (St. Francis Episcopal Church)

Tuesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

On February 11, 2025, several sober individuals from the Walker area came together with a shared purpose: to create another local AA meeting for people seeking recovery and fellowship. Although these individuals lived near the Walker area, many of their home groups were located in Baton Rouge. They recognized that the Walker area had very limited meeting options, with only one meeting available at the time, and they believed there was a need for an additional place where members of the recovery community could gather regularly.

As the group began to form its identity, members discussed several possible names that reflected their purpose, experience, and message of recovery. After considering the different options, the group chose the name Beyond the Bottle, which represented the idea of moving past alcohol and into a new way of life.

The group was originally granted permission to hold its meetings at Hope Center Church in Walker. This location provided the new meeting with a place to begin and allowed members to start building a foundation for the group. Over time, however, church leadership made requests that did not align with AA Traditions. After discussing the situation, the group voted to move the meeting to its current location at 726 Maple Street in Denham Springs, Louisiana, where it could continue operating in a way that supported AA principles.

Beyond the Bottle follows a consistent monthly format designed to provide structure, variety, and opportunities for participation:

On the first and second Tuesdays of each month, the group holds Big Book studies. These meetings focus on reading, discussing, and reflecting on the Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and how its message applies to recovery today.

On the third Tuesday, the meeting centers on a topic taken from AA-approved literature. This format gives members an opportunity to share their experience, strength, and hope while discussing sobriety, spiritual growth, and daily recovery.

On the fourth Tuesday, the group celebrates sobriety birthdays to members marking recovery milestones. If there are no birthdays that month, one man and one woman from the group are invited to speak on the selected topic, allowing members to hear different perspectives and experiences in recovery.

For most holidays, Beyond the Bottle, at their regularly scheduled meeting, hosts a themed eating meeting that brings together the AA community for fellowship, food, and discussion. Each holiday meeting will include a topic related to the season or occasion, such as staying sober during major holidays, making healthy choices, setting boundaries, or finding support during challenging times. Flyers are created and shared within the AA community and posted so that anyone interested is welcome to attend.