

Newsletter District 11

“INTO ACTION”

Alcoholics Anonymous



AREA EVENTS

Area Assembly: August 15th & 16th
November 7th & 8th

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

JAUGUST

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
Cathy T – Treasurer
Rolando W – Workshop
Open position – Outreach

12 Traditions in Alcoholics Anonymous

Many of us grow up with family traditions that bring comfort, structure, and connection. These traditions strengthen relationships, preserve shared values, and pass along meaningful practices from one generation to the next. In much the same way, the Twelve Traditions provide guiding principles that help protect the unity, growth, and lasting purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In the 1940s, co-founder Bill W. wrote them to address questions arising among A.A. groups. These principles still offer groups a framework for unity and success.

In April 1946, Bill W. wrote an article for the Grapevine titled “Twelve Suggested Points for A.A. Tradition.” It was an early version of what later became known as the Twelve Traditions. With foresight, Bill recognized that A.A.’s growth required clearer guidance to protect its unity and singleness of purpose.

Bill described the letters he received as a “welter of exciting and fearsome experience.” Those letters helped shape the development of the Twelve Traditions.

The Grapevine published the Traditions one at a time from December 1947 through November 1948. In 1950, they were adopted at the First International Convention in Cleveland.

The Traditions offered guidelines—not rules—to help A.A. groups then and in the future. They addressed relationships both within Alcoholics Anonymous and with the outside world.

Today, A.A. groups continue to rely on the Twelve Traditions as they work toward unity and carry hope to still-suffering alcoholics around the world.

“I offer these suggestions neither as one man’s command nor as a creed, but as a first attempt to describe the group ideal toward which we have been led by a Higher Power over these past ten years.”

– Bill W., April 1946 Grapevine article

Newcomers are often encouraged to attend 90 meetings in 90 days while also experiencing different types of A.A. meetings. A well-rounded early recovery routine may include:

- Tradition meetings
- 12 Step meetings
- Big Book studies
- Speaker meetings

Including a variety of meeting formats can help newcomers gain a broader understanding of the program.

12 Traditions in Short Form

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



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Area 27 New GSR Packet:



New GSR?

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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/>



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Website

<https://district-11.netlify.app/>

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.

August District 11 highlighted group is....drum roll (see next page)

Paradox's of AA

Meeting Location: 15447 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (St. Francis Asbury United Methodist Church)

Tuesday & Friday, Noon.

FOUNDING DETAILS

The Paradox's of AA group was founded on March 20, 2007, bringing experience, commitment, and a strong spirit of service to its beginnings. The founders established a meeting rooted in recovery, fellowship, and the ongoing practice of AA principles in the south Baton Rouge community.

FIRST MEETING

The first meeting was held on March 27, 2007, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Brogdon Lane in Baton Rouge on Tuesday only. A core group of members saw the need for a noon meeting in south Baton Rouge and came together to help fill it. From the beginning, the meeting provided a reliable daytime space for members to gather, share experience, strength, and hope, and support one another in sobriety.

The group began as a closed discussion meeting, in keeping with AA's singleness-of-purpose. Its strong commitment to the 12 Traditions helped keep the focus on recovery from alcoholism while encouraging open, honest sharing among those seeking help and support through the AA program.

GROUP DECISIONS AND SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

During its early months, the group made thoughtful decisions about its future and its responsibilities within the wider AA service structure. Members agreed to meet for six months before registering the group with GSO, provided attendance remained strong enough to support the meeting. This gave the group time to establish consistency, build participation, and determine whether it could continue as a stable group.

At the six-month mark, the group also voted to contribute financially to several AA service organizations, including Central Office, Area Assembly, CASC, and GSO. These donations reflected the group's commitment to supporting AA beyond its own meeting and participating in the broader service network that helps carry the message to others.

Today, the group holds two weekly meetings: a closed Tuesday meeting centered on AA literature and the Big Book, and an open Friday meeting focused on reading from the 12 and 12.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Today, the group has 47 home group members and holds monthly business meetings to discuss the group's direction, local AA matters, and items brought forward after other service-structure meetings, including CASC, District meetings, and COR meetings.