



# Interviews

## June 2024



**A MEMBER  
SHARES**

# High and Dry

I have spent most of my life on or around the water, where I often see those small aluminum boats. I picture one with a hundred little pinholes in its hull. A guy is fishing, and every so often, he stops to bail water out of the bilge. As new holes appear, he spends more time bailing and less time fishing. To me, these holes are my defects of character and the water in the bilge, my shortcomings.

My vigilance today is focused on the day-to-day issues of my life and my motives for how I handle those issues. Either I can become willing to patch those little holes, one at a time, as I become aware of them, or I can spend the rest of my life bailing water and risk sinking altogether.

Today, thanks to A.A., my boat is high and dry, the fishing is great, and so is life.

Rick R., Poway, California

June 2019

Our Twelve Steps, AA Grapevine, 2024

## Happy Father's Day!



Photo taken and provided by Jim M.

## STEP SIX

**Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

“If you want God to remove these defects of character, are you willing to let Him remove them any way He chooses—or does he need to come to you for prior authorization.”

Wit and Wisdom of Anonymous Alcoholics. Sharabi. Alpine Lake Publishing, Cleveland, OH. 2012, page 66, 844.



“I’ve been sober nine months, but I’m still working on a number of character defects.”

## TRADITION SIX

**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.**

“Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life. It comes first. I certainly won’t be the guy to land A.A. in big-time trouble, and this might really do it.” Our friend had summed up the whole endorsement problem. We saw as never before that we could not lend the A.A. name to any cause other than our own.

Long afterward we saw something else. We saw that the more A.A. minded its own business the greater its general influence would become. Medicine and religion and psychiatry began to borrow some of our ideas and experience. So did research, rehabilitation, and education. All sorts of therapeutic groups began to spring up. They dealt with gambling, divorce, delinquency, dope addiction, mental illness, and the like. They, too, borrowed from A.A., but they made their own adaptations. They worked their own fields, and we did not have to endorse them or tell them how to live.

Our influence has not been confined to just these fields. It is beginning now to be general. It crops out in political and business life. People who know alcoholics and their families are deeply affected. The very developments that we once wanted to force have begun to take place of themselves.

Today we understand and accept this paradox: The more A.A. sticks to its primary purpose, the greater will be its helpful influence everywhere.

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age. Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. NY, 1985, pg. 109.

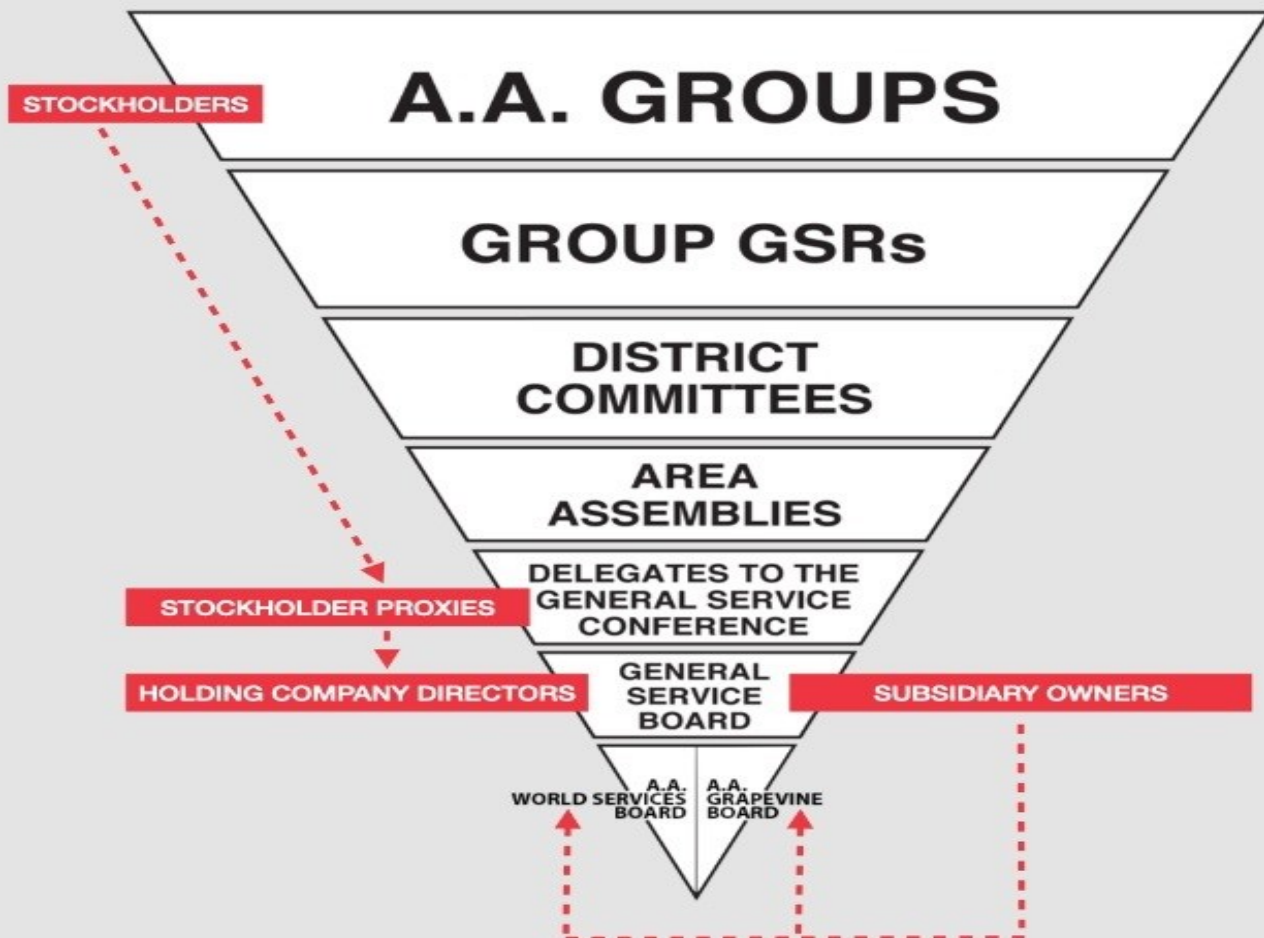
# CONCEPT VI (Long Form)

**The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.**

As I have found myself traveling down the inverted service triangle in Alcoholics Anonymous, I have long believed (and our service manual supports this) that A.A. is a business—primarily a “printing business,” but a business, nonetheless.

That said, it’s really hard to wrap our heads around this idea because when we first come into A.A. all we can see is that for most of us, we have burned our lives to the ground due to our drinking (and our thinking). Yet in A.A., we find a group of people who did the same thing but have found a solution—a spiritual solution. It’s hard for me to understand in the beginning that **our general service structure is designed for one thing and one thing only—to help make Twelfth-Step work possible.** For this to be true, there needs to be some sort of structure in place to spiritually “organize” these efforts, which is why Bill W. created the Conference (and its associated structure.)

If you look deeper at the service structure of A.A., you will find it is a well-oiled business hammered out on the anvils of experience.—Rick W.



## OUT OF AREA EVENTS

**73rd ANNUAL STEPPING STONES LOIS'S FAMILY GROUPS PICNIC (HYBRID):** Saturday June 1 Online and In-Person in Katonah, New York! Hear A.A., Al-Anon, and Alateen Speakers. Celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Big Book and the 70th of Al-Anon. See photo below for more info.

**67th ANNUAL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL SERVICE CONVENTION & ASSEMBLY (EPGSA)** Friday to Sunday November 8-10. Wyndham Lancaster Resort 2300 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster 17602. This is an election year for your next Area 59 Delegate! Join us to elect a new panel of officers to serve A.A. in Eastern PA.

**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. Friday-Sunday September 27-29. Sheraton Downtown 422 Delaware Ave Wilmington, DE 19801. Pre-register now at <http://tinyurl.com/deypaacon24>.

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE** 2024-July 25-28 in Estes Park, Colorado. Visit the website at [www.fots.com](http://www.fots.com) for more information. Registration is \$55.00 for the entire weekend.



# 2024

## **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.

### **NEW! SEPIA's SPANISH LANGUAGE SHELF**

**The most commonly requested books and pamphlets in Spanish, now in stock at the office! Spread the word to all who might have a need!**

#### **Includes:**

SB-01: Spanish Language Big Book Hardcover—\$12.00

SB-30 Spanish Language Big Book Softcover— \$11.00

SB-02: Spanish Language *Twelve & Twelve* Hardcover—\$11.00

SB-15: Spanish Language *Twelve & Twelve* Softcover—\$10.00

SB-7: Spanish Language *Living Sober* Softcover—\$6.00

SS-03: *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* Softcover—  
\$12.00

**Plus assorted pamphlets  
and DVD's!**



## EVENTS WITHIN THE FIVE-COUNTY AREA

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

**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday June 23: SEPIA UNITY PICNIC 2024** Neshaminy State Park Pavilion No. 1 State Road at Dunks Ferry Road, Bensalem 19020. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water, & coffee. Bring a covered dish to share. Kid & pet friendly; swimming pool for \$12 a person; fishing. Noon to 5 pm, **open A.A.**

**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).

**Sunday June 2: The Sunshine A.A Group** is hosting their 22nd annual Gratitude Meeting. 3PM at St Barnabas Hall 5421 Germantown Ave Phila., 19144. For more information, email: SunshineAADist25@msn.com

**Monday June 10th: Springfield Monday Night** 39th Anniversary Meeting. Church of the Redeemer, 145 W. Springfield Road, Springfield. Food Fun Fellowship at 7pm -Speaker at 8pm

**Friday June 21: OLNEY-LAWNDALE's 75TH ANNIVERSARY** is being celebrated at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 5918 N 5th Street, Philadelphia 19120. Food at 6 pm-Newcomer and Long-Timer Speakers 7 pm.

**Saturday June 22: Grapevine Workshop ~ "SPREADING THE WORD":** Noon to 3 PM. Doors open at 11:30. United Methodist Church, 6023 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia. Food, Fun, Fellowship, Skits and Prizes. (Skit by the "On Time Grapevine Players")

**Tuesday June 25: CPC Workshop. (Cooperation with the Professional Community)** Join us as a Class A Trustee talks about the recent General Service Conference and items related to CPC. Zoom ID: 871 4491 9126 PW: 424511

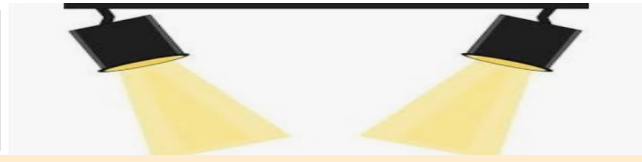
## NEW MEETINGS/MEETING CHANGES/NEEDS SUPPORT

**NEW CHESTER Literature Meeting** Access Center 701 Booth Street Chester 19013. Rotating format Thursday 4 pm to 5 pm. Needs Support!

**Silent Journey-the 11th Step Meditation Meeting.** Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm. William Way LGBTQ Community Center Recovery Room. 1315 Spruce St. Phila

**Back to Basics Meeting** in Spring City is now at a new location! Spring City Regeneration Church, 45 North Church Street, Spring City, PA 19475. Fridays at 9AM. Use entrance in the breezeway to the right of the Church.

**4A-Atheist Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous.** Fridays at 5:30pm at the Fairmount/Brewerytown Clubhouse 2044 Fairmount Avenue. Using the book, One Big Tent. All are welcome!



# Literature Package #3



This comprehensive and extensive literature package includes :

- Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous (hard cover and soft cover)
- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (hard cover and gift edition)
- Experience, Strength and Hope
- A.A. Comes of Age
- As Bill Sees It
- Came To Believe
- Living Sober
- Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers
- “Pass it On”

**Purchase today for  
only \$130.00!**

A substantial savings on  
the list price!

This package also includes 2–10 copies each of Alcoholics Anonymous 44 most popular pamphlets.

## **Welcome Denise L., New Staff Assistant at SEPIA!**

**Denise L. has joined the SEPIA office in May  
as a part-time Staff Assistant.**

Denise brings a great deal of office experience to SEPIA. It feels like she has worked here for a long time! Her hobbies include knitting and she loves going to the beach. She is a cat lover and has one tabby named Tommy! She has 7 years sobriety and her home group is *New Beginnings*.

If she answers the phone when you call or is here when you stop by,  
please give her a warm welcome!

Take time to LAUGH, it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to THINK, it is the source of power.  
Take time to PLAY, it is the source of perpetual youth.  
Take time to READ, it is the foundation of wisdom  
Take time to PRAY, it is the greatest power on earth.  
Take time to LOVE & BE LOVED, it is a God-given privilege.  
Take time to be FRIENDLY, it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to GIVE, it is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to WORK. It is the price of success



**SAVE THE DATE:  
The 2025 Round-  
Up will be held:  
March 6-9, 2025  
at the Grand Hotel**

We have some leftover t-shirts, zip-up hoodies, and pullovers left over from this year's Round-Up. Now at discounted prices! Please contact the office at 215-923-7900 for prices and sizes.





# THIS MONTH IN A.A. HISTORY

\*\*\* JUNE \*\*\*

June 1, 1949	Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.
June 4, 2002	Caroline K., author of <i>Drinking: A Love Story</i> died sober of lung cancer.
June 5, 1940	Ebby Thatcher took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.
June 6, 1940	The first A.A. Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.
June 1979	A.A. gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois W., Bill's wife, in New York.
June 7, 1939	Bill and Lois W. had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.
June 10, 1935	The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of A.A.. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.
June 11, 1945	Twenty-five hundred attend A.A.'s 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.
June 1953	The book <i>Twelve Steps &amp; Twelve Traditions</i> is published.
June 13, 1945	Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for A.A. with a large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.
June 15, 1940	First A.A. Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.
June 16, 1938	Jim B. <i>The Vicious Cycle</i> in Big Book, had his last drink.
June 17, 1942	New York A.A. groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and A.A. speakers.
June 18, 1940	One hundred attended the first meeting in the first A.A. clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.
June 21, 1944	The first Issue of the <i>AA Grapevine</i> was published.
June 24, 1938	Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book "Not to bear any author's name but to be by 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'"
June 25, 1939	The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."
June 26, 1935	Bill Dotson. (A.A. #3) entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.
June 28, 1935	Dr. Bob and Bill W. visited Bill Dotson at Akron's City Hospital.
June 30, 1941	Ruth Hock showed Bill W. the <i>Serenity Prayer</i> and it was adopted readily by A.A..

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

## Get involved and make a difference!



Committee Meetings for the month of June 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 – June 11 at 7 pm Saturday – June 15 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 – June 3 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 – June 20 7 pm</p>
<p><b>Interphones and Helping Unite the Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Homebound (HUSHH) (Meets even months only)</b> Interphones ensures that A.A. is always there by taking calls when the office is closed. HUSHH takes meetings to those unable to attend them.</p>	<p>No meeting this month (last Wed. of even months) 7 pm</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 – June 6 6:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Prisons Sponsorship Sub-Committee</b> Exploring the possibility of matching members behind bars with temporary sponsors who would visit the prison once a month.</p>	<p>Thursday – June 13 6 pm</p>
<p><b>Public Information (PI)</b> Conveys information about A.A. to the general public through flyers, mailings, radio spots, health fairs, etc.</p>	<p>Wednesday – June 19 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 – June 24 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 – June 17 7 pm In person 1903 S. Broad</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 – June 18 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 – June 5 5:30 pm</p>

# June 2024



All A.A. members are encouraged to join a committee and help carry the A.A. message

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	All A.A. Members are welcome at any meeting except those marked "Closed".				SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	1
2	3 CPC Committee 7 PM	4	5 Website Tech 5:30 PM Steering 7 PM (Closed)	6 Temporary Contact & Prison Committee 6:30 PM	7 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	8
9	10 All Five-County Zone Meetings 7 PM (see below for locations)	11 Archives Committee 7 PM	12	13 Prison Sub-Committee 6:00 PM	14 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	15 Archives Preservation 9 AM
16	17 Treatment & Bridging The Gap Committees 7 PM- <u>LIVE ONLY</u>	18 Unity Committee 7 PM	19 PI Committee 7 PM	20 Finance Committee 7 PM	21 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	22
23 <b>UNITY Picnic</b> 12 PM—5 PM	24 Special Events Committee 7 PM	25 CPC Workshop 7 PM— 8 PM	26 Interphones & HUSSHH Committees 7 PM (last Wed of even months)	27	28 SEPIA Noon Meeting 12 PM	29 
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**Bucks County:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966

**Chester County (Online):** Zoom ID: 816 0449 5799 / 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	6-3-2024	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	6-5-2024	5:30 PM	840-2179-3007 (Z00m)	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	Thursday	6-6-2024	6:00 PM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuvzRiRiR1SmxLMiF3a2FLa3VuUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuvzRiRiR1SmxLMiF3a2FLa3VuUT09</a>	646-558-8656
PRISON SUB-COMMITTEE	Thursday	6-13-2024	6:30 AM	897 4545 6774 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuvzRiRiR1SmxLMiF3a2FLa3VuUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745456774?pwd=MEVuvzRiRiR1SmxLMiF3a2FLa3VuUT09</a>	646-558-8656
BUCKS COUNTY ZONE	Monday	6-10-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Rd (& Churchville/Knowles), Southampton 18966	
CHESTER COUNTY ZONE	Monday	6-10-2024	7:00 PM	816 0449 5799 (Zoom)	266565	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604495799?pwd=eGJyOUNrZjMxdDZZQWhBdUd3T3Fjdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604495799?pwd=eGJyOUNrZjMxdDZZQWhBdUd3T3Fjdz09</a>	646-558-8656
DELAWARE COUNTY	Monday	6-10-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		Hmb Ukranian Church, 900 Fairview Rd, Swarthmore, 19081	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Monday	6-10-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		Sanctuary United Methodist Church, 1346 East Prospect Ave, North Wales 19454	
PHILADELPHIA ZONE	Monday	6-10-2024	7:00 PM	In Person		Philadelphia Kroc Center Salvation Army 4200 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia 19129	
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Tuesday	6-11-2024	7:00 PM	832 4414 8913 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjIjLMDNRYy9lQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83244148913?pwd=b2JqbmlzQ0dBOVJURjIjLMDNRYy9lQT09</a>	646-558-8656
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE	Saturday	6-15-2024	9:00am	In Person		SEPIA Office 1903 South Broad Street 2nd Floor Philadelphia 19148	
INTERPHONES	Wednesday	6-26-2024	7:00 PM	822 1987 3872 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm50QXE4Q0tNQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219873872?pwd=UG5VR0lvMHJTRXAvUm50QXE4Q0tNQT09</a>	646-558-8656
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)	Wednesday	6-19-2024	7:00 PM	882 5844 9206 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFwAwUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFwAwUT09</a>	646-558-8656
TREATMENT FACILITIES	Monday	6-17-2024	7:00 PM	881 4239 6509 (Zoom)		SEPIA 1903 S. Broad Street 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, 19148	
UNITY COMMITTEE	Tuesday	6-18-2024	7:00 PM	896 4619 2235 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTItaGZNUt09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTItaGZNUt09</a>	646-558-8656
FINANCE	Thursday	6-20-2024	7:00 PM	842 4075 5543 (Zoom)	SEPIA	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjIjENDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjIjENDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09</a>	646-558-8656
SPECIAL EVENTS	Monday	6-24-2024	7:00 PM	834 2923 8954 (Zoom)	797795	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFpXQTl5TTdiU0FMUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429238954?pwd=c2l2N05jbGFGMFpXQTl5TTdiU0FMUT09</a>	646-558-8656

## SEPIA Financial - Cash Flow Report - April 2024

### SEPIA REVENUE

Category	Apr-24	Cumulative 2023- 2024	2023-2024 Budget
<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	\$44	\$67,281	\$81,050
Round up Expenses	\$0	(\$39,317)	(\$40,025)
<b>Round Up Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$44</b>	<b>\$27,964</b>	<b>\$41,025</b>
Other Special Events Expenses	(\$27)	(\$27)	(\$640)
<b>TOTAL EVENTS NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$27,937</b>	<b>\$55,255</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
AA Groups	\$15,617	\$111,227	\$210,300
Individual Contributions	\$1,459	\$10,400	\$16,800
Other Contributions		\$668	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ( Less Merchant fes)</b>	<b>\$17,042</b>	<b>\$121,915</b>	<b>\$227,100</b>
<b>LITERATURE</b>			
Literature Sales + Shipping	\$7,689	\$61,431	\$119,460
Literature Expenses (Includes Inventory Adjust.)	\$7,021	(\$48,991)	(\$92,760)
<b>TOTAL LITERATURE NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$668</b>	<b>\$12,440</b>	<b>\$26,700</b>
<b>INTEREST PLUS OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$418</b>	<b>\$3,297</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$18,145</b>	<b>\$165,589</b>	<b>\$311,275</b>
<b>SEPIA EXPENSES</b>			
Category	Apr-24	Cumulative 2024	2024 Budget
Share a Day	\$0	\$0	\$600
Zones	\$1,030	\$2,200	\$3,450
Committees	\$187	\$9,900	\$44,720
Travel and Training	\$159	\$159	\$5,000
Office Expenses and Operations	\$5,821	\$48,495	\$91,035
Staff Salary and Benefits	\$17,797	\$86,717	\$181,200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (Includes Adjustments)</b>	<b>\$24,995</b>	<b>\$147,446</b>	<b>\$326,005</b>
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE (Includes Adjustments)</b>	<b>(\$6,845)</b>	<b>\$18,164</b>	<b>(\$14,730)</b>

### SEPIA FINANCIAL STATUS

April 30, 2024

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Prudent Reserve	\$288,595
Checking, Petty Cash, Paypal	\$17,811
<b>Total Current (Cash) Assets</b>	<b>\$306,406</b>
Other assets including Inventory (Literature)	\$59,204
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS (April 30, 2024)</b>	<b>\$365,609</b>

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

## SEPIA Group Donations

Date	Name	Amount
05/24/2024	After Sunrise	115.00
05/29/2024	Aston Tuesday Night	100.00
05/27/2024	Back to Basics - SC	25.00
05/03/2024	Bonnie B	75.00
05/04/2024	Broomall Big Book Step	50.00
04/30/2024	Butterfly	333.00
05/24/2024	Came To Believe -Newtown	100.00
05/15/2024	Chalfont	300.00
05/01/2024	Change or Die	161.81
05/01/2024	Clifton Big Book Breakdown	221.00
05/08/2024	Colin G	35.00
05/03/2024	Conscious Contact	100.00
05/12/2024	Daniel M	5.00
05/04/2024	Day By Day	42.00
05/15/2024	Devon Sat Morning	765.50
05/03/2024	Eye Openers	1,415.00
05/03/2024	Foglifers	400.00
05/03/2024	Founders Way	100.00
05/27/2024	Franklinton	200.00
04/30/2024	Freedom Through the Steps	736.38
05/03/2024	FTTS	100.00
05/17/2024	Glenn S	25.00
05/03/2024	God As I Understand Him	750.00
05/27/2024	Hatboro Big Book	100.00
05/15/2024	Highland Park Sunday Morning	100.00
05/24/2024	HOD club	500.00
05/15/2024	Honey Brook BB	100.00
04/30/2024	Hour of Hope	20.00
05/03/2024	It Works It Really Does-2	500.00
05/28/2024	Janet S	10.00
05/01/2024	Jenkintown Big Book	213.71
05/03/2024	Jennifer S	30.00
05/01/2024	Jillee R	50.00
05/04/2024	John G	10.00
05/15/2024	Keep It Simple	50.00
05/24/2024	Langhorne Sunrisers	163.20
05/04/2024	Language of the Heart / Doylestown	103.00
04/30/2024	Lenni Life Line	50.00
05/24/2024	Light of Hope	300.00
05/03/2024	Literature & Sobriety Group	100.00
05/24/2024	Ludwigs Corner	360.00
05/06/2024	Manayunk Big Book	40.00
05/01/2024	Mary H	5.00
05/14/2024	Mayfair Holmesburg	200.00
05/15/2024	Media First Things First	390.00
05/24/2024	Message of Hope	9.43
05/03/2024	Michael L	21.00
05/15/2024	Mid Day Miracles Group	181.75

05/01/2024	Monday night lgbt	262.80
05/29/2024	Morning Miracles Online	250.00
04/30/2024	Morton Group	120.00
05/21/2024	Never Give Up	36.00
05/29/2024	Never Give Up	200.00
05/01/2024	Newtown Winners	62.00
05/03/2024	Nicholas K	10.00
05/27/2024	Not Alone Group	25.00
05/03/2024	NUTS	834.00
05/16/2024	Olney Lawndale	100.00
05/15/2024	On Awakening	500.00
05/03/2024	One Day At A Time-Telford	682.40
04/30/2024	Ottsville	50.00
05/03/2024	Overbrook Sunday	300.00
05/03/2024	Parquesburg Program For Progress	50.00
05/24/2024	Patricia Q	784.74
05/07/2024	Port Fishington	25.00
05/03/2024	Pottstown Group	150.00
05/04/2024	Renaissance Group	375.00
05/03/2024	Rita B	13.00
05/04/2024	Riverside Group	200.00
05/23/2024	Robert F	20.00
05/12/2024	Sam H	100.00
05/03/2024	Sanctuary (Bensalem)	125.00
05/04/2024	Schwenksville Basic AA	675.48
05/03/2024	Scott B	10.00
05/27/2024	Set Aside	150.00
05/18/2024	Sherri R	10.00
05/04/2024	Simple Solutions	50.00
05/24/2024	Sober & Out	150.00
05/01/2024	Sober at 6	155.00
05/24/2024	Sobriety at Seven	250.00
05/15/2024	Solebury Happy Hour	150.00
05/15/2024	Springfield Monday Night	100.00
05/24/2024	Step Sisters Frazer	52.00
05/24/2024	Step Sisters Frazer	192.00
05/21/2024	Sunday Night Men's	250.00
05/24/2024	Sunshine Group	100.00
05/23/2024	Take Action	60.00
05/24/2024	Telford Men's Stag	376.40
05/14/2024	The Acceptance Group	171.50
05/24/2024	The Wawa Group	25.00
05/03/2024	This is Not a Dress Rehearsal	81.50
05/03/2024	Thomas B	10.00
05/03/2024	Top of the Hill	362.77
04/30/2024	Twisted Sisters	183.00
05/03/2024	Women of Grace	205.25
05/01/2024	Women Of Hope	200.00
05/01/2024	Women Of Hope	130.00
05/24/2024	Yardley BYOBB	101.00
05/24/2024	Yardley Noon Step	101.00
05/14/2024	Young Men's Northeast	125.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,463.62</b>

# !!NEW MEETING ALERT!!



## ATHEIST AGNOSTIC ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Atheist:** a person who does not believe in the existence of a god or any gods

**Agnostic:** a person who holds the view that any ultimate reality (such as God) is unknown and probably unknowable

4A will be held at the Fairmount/Brewerytown Clubhouse (D26)

2044 Fairmount Avenue 5:30pm Fridays in person  
(Zoom information to follow in coming months)

Initial meetings will be structured around a reading and a lead based off of the book One Big Tent. Our goal is to share our experience, strength and hope regarding difficulties with faith and God as it regards to Alcoholism

*\*All are welcomed, regardless of religion or creed!\**

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“SPREADING THE WORD”

JUNE 22, 2024

12pm -3pm

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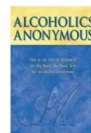
## Springfield Monday Night 39th Anniversary Meeting

**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

(Also celebrate AA's & Dr. Bob's 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary ☺)

Church of the Redeemer  
145 W. Springfield Road, Springfield PA

Food, Fun, & Fellowship @ 7pm  
Speaker @ 8pm



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2024  
Is an election year  
for your next  
Area 59 Delegate

Join us to elect a new panel  
of officers to serve A.A. in  
Eastern Pennsylvania

67<sup>th</sup>  
annual

Eastern Pennsylvania  
General Service Assembly

November  
8 thru 10

Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center  
2300 Lincoln Highway East  
Lancaster, PA 17602

### Who attends the EPGSA Convention/Assembly?

All GSRs, ADCMs, DCMs, Area Officers, and Past Delegates, plus any and all interested A.A. members are welcome.

The Home Group should financially support its GSR in attending the Convention/Assembly.

### What happens at the Convention/Assembly?

In even-numbered years, we have elections for the Delegate and Area Officers.

In odd-numbered years, we gather for an Assembly at which the Area Officers and Area Committees report on their work to the Assembly.

Each year, we have workshops, discussion panels and meetings where the voices of the entire area are shared, offering each of us a wider and varied experience of 12th step service work.

### What can I get out of this experience?

A renewed sense of purpose and energy to carry A.A.'s message.

A greater understanding of the issues involved and solutions to the problems we face when we are trying to carry the message to alcoholics.

A sense of being a part of Area 59 and A.A. as a whole; sharing in the ongoing efforts to protect our Fellowship and carry our message.

### What do I do afterwards?

GSRs should consider giving a report to their group.

Members can and should share their experience at meetings and among friends.

### Why is it important?

This is the only time during the year when we gather, speak and vote as an Area. The Delegate may take this opportunity to seek guidance from the Assembly on matters concerning the Area or the General Service Conference.

At these Area gatherings we have a rare opportunity to share our concerns and solutions to problems we face in carrying A.A.'s message with a diverse group who can inform us of their experience.



Scan for the  
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GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY  
area59aa.org



# New Chester Group

needs your support...

Join us in person!

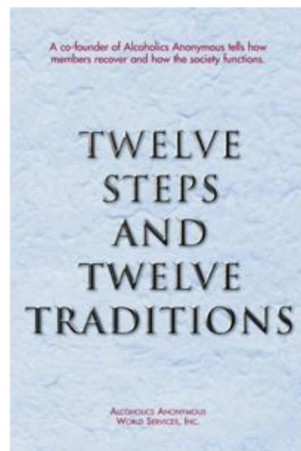


Every Thursday  
4:00 pm until 5:00 pm

### Rotating Literature Meeting

- Step Study
- Tradition Study
- 5th week is Chairpersons' Choice.

**ACCESS CENTER**  
**701 Booth Street**  
**Chester, PA 19013**



*Your support is appreciated, we need each other!*

June 30th  
12pm-3pm  
St. Andrew's  
20 Dill Ave, Perkasio  
Fellowship Hall (auditorium)

Games will be played and  
there will be plenty of  
food!

# Bucks Unity Event

## About Us

Join Districts 21, 23, 47, 51, The Bucks County Zone of SEPIA, and The Liberty Bid for EACYPA for a day of food, fun, fellowship, learning, and growth. Join the discussion of how we fulfill our primary purpose and how we can work together to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.



This event is funded by your group's 7th Tradition contributions

# Prison Pen Pal



SEPIA provides letters from AA members to incarcerated members. In the spirit of rotation, the Coordinator is stepping out of the position. We are looking for a new Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator. The duties would include collecting letters from members and distributing them to local prisons. The prisons would then pass them on to the incarcerated members.

If you're interested in helping with this service, please call the SEPIA office 215-923-7900

or send an Email to

[prisondirector@aasepia.org](mailto:prisondirector@aasepia.org)  
[prisonasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:prisonasstdirector@aasepia.org)

## INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN AA MEMBER IN PRISON?

WE NEED



YOUR HELP!

The S.E.P.I.A. Prison Committee is investigating/evaluating the creation of a new Prison Sponsorship sub-committee. A.A. members on the outside would be matched with an AA member on the inside who has expressed interest in getting a sponsor and working the 12 steps. A.A. members would be asked to commit to one visit per month (during normal prison visiting hours). Current prison volunteers who take A.A. meeting into the facilities are prohibited from participation.

Inside A.A. members frequently tell our volunteers they're not comfortable sharing their deepest secrets with other alcoholics in prison due to the chance that the information may not remain confidential. The consequences of the wrong information being revealed on the inside can be catastrophic.

The tentative requirements are:

- [Men or Women] with minimum five years of sobriety
- Solid sponsorship experience
- Knowledge & practice of AA's Steps & Traditions
- Willingness to visit the prison at least once a month (usually weekends)

**If you are interested in getting involved with this new sub-committee, email us at: [prisonsponsorship@aasepia.org](mailto:prisonsponsorship@aasepia.org)**

Or attend the next Prison Committee meeting @ 7PM on the first Thursday of the month, via ZOOM ID: 897 4545 6774 Password: SEPIA

**!!TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TELL YOUR SPONSEES, TELL YOUR SPONSOR!!**

### I AM RESPONSIBLE

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.



# SEPIA

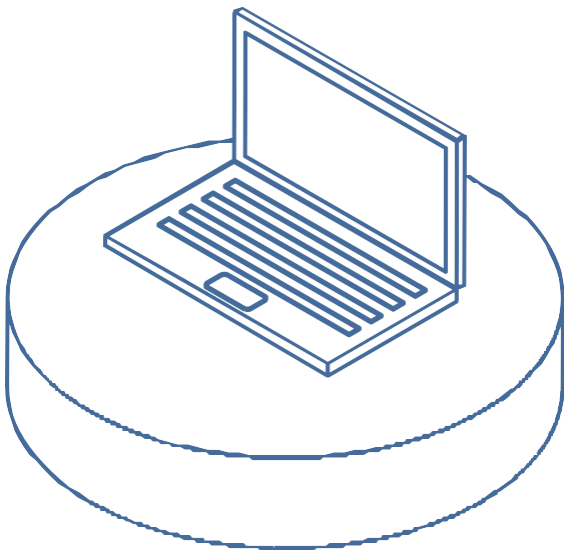
South Eastern Pennsylvania Intergroup  
Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Workshop

June 25, 2023, 7:00-8:00 PM EST

Zoom ID: 871 4491 9126, Password: 424511

Mobile: +13092053325,,87144919126# US



## Let's be friendly with our friends

Join us as a Class A  
(non-alcoholic) Trustee  
talks about the recent  
General Service  
Conference and items  
related to CPC.

Questions: [cpcdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcdirector@aasepia.org)

Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association (SEPIA)



# Unity Picnic

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

(Rain or Shine)

**Noon to 5:00PM**

**Open AA Meeting @ 2:00PM**



**Neshaminy State Park, Pavilion No. 1**

State Road at Dunks Ferry Road, Bensalem, PA (Bucks County)

**Food, Fun and Fellowship**

**Kid and Pet friendly**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Water and Coffee**

**Please bring a covered side dish for all to share**

**Swimming Pool (\$12 pool fee per person) / Fishing**

**For more information contact**

**Mike Q – Unity Director — [unitydirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unitydirector@aasepia.org)**

**Luke S. – Asst. Unity Director — [unityasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unityasstdirector@aasepia.org)**

**Driving Directions:**

**From PHL Exit of the PA Turnpike:** After toll, stay to the right to Route 132 (Street Rd. 2<sup>nd</sup> right). Travel on Street Road for approx. 7 miles over I-95 to State Rd. which will dead end. Turn left onto State Rd., and go about ¾ mile to park entrance on the right.

**From I-95 North:** Take I-95 North to Street Road exit. At the light, make a right onto Street Rd. Follow that to dead end. Turn left onto State Rd., and go about ¾ mile to park entrance on the right.

**From I-95 South:** Take I-95 South to Street Road exit. Make a left onto Street Rd. Follow that to dead end. Turn left onto State Rd., and go about ¾ mile to park entrance on the right.

**From New Jersey:** Cross the Burlington Bristol Bridge (Route 413). Make a left at the first traffic light onto Street Road. Continue South on State Road. The park is on the left after you cross the Neshaminy Creek Bridge.

# Nominations are OPEN

## For November 2024 - October 2025 Steering Committee

Thank you for considering serving on the Steering Committee. **To learn more about the positions available go to <https://aasepia.org/news/steering-committee-job-descriptions/steering-committes-job-descriptions/>** (If filling out online, please feel free to select more than one position by holding down the control key while you click the options. )

### Position Desired (Please check):

- Vice Chairperson-----  Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer -----  Assistant Director of CPC
- Assistant Director of Interphones -----  Assistant Director of Prisons
- Assistant Director of Public Information -----  Assistant Director of Unity
- Assistant Director of Treatment Facilities

Candidate Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Positions held previously:

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Why would you like to serve on the SEPIA Steering Committee?

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