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## Life on Life's Terms

Liz W.

### Area 16 Delegate

I wish, more than I can say, that I could have been with all of you in Dublin in January. Even as I write this, I sit in the hospital with my husband awaiting the next step in his physical recovery. This will be a long road to walk down, and we are still very uncertain where this road will ultimately lead. But I want you to know how much we both appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers that you have been sending our way.

I have heard it said that God shows up disguised as our lives. And how we choose to live those lives is our response to God. I learned that I have to ask for help for pretty much everything, anytime life has thrown me something new. I've also learned that there is always someone who has the solution or answer to the problem or question that I'm struggling with in the moment. All I have to do is seek, and ask for help.

So we show up and take things one step at a time. It is the same with service work. Often I have taken on a service commitment with absolutely no idea what I was supposed to do, or what was expected of me. One of those jobs was as DCM. Having a service sponsor made learning my role way more manageable. I was taught to show up to district meeting every month. I learned that I needed to help the new GSR who had questions about assembly. I was told to visit every group in my district during my term of service and offer help as needed. I learned how to facilitate a group inventory.

I started to get involved in studying service materials. I participated in concept studies and started reading the "World Service Manual". I was surprised to find so much

valuable information in that book. It covers everything from group service all the way down to how the Conference operates, the job of our Trustees, the General Service Office, and A.A. World Services. I found it all fascinating. I guess that makes me a "service nerd"!

Rest assured, you don't have to qualify for "service nerd" to be eligible to be part of the service structure. All that is needed is willingness. But what happens if I don't like this kind of service? Well, believe it or not, there are areas of service that are just plain old not for me. I think we'd be hard pressed to find someone who absolutely loved everything about every kind of service there is available to us. The beautiful thing about it is, that while everything isn't for everyone, there is something for each of us. If treasurer isn't your forte, maybe making coffee is. If taking meetings to jails or prisons isn't something you can do, corrections correspondence is always available (and a much needed, vital service, I might add). If you can't travel for general service functions, sponsorship can happen anywhere.

I have sponsored many women over the years, and I have found that those that are the most happily and usefully whole are those who embraced service early in their recovery. There were a few that I just simply could not convince to get involved. In some cases it took a few years, but ultimately every one of them have gone back out. Alcoholism is so much about me. How I feel right this moment becomes the most important thing in the world. If the problem is that "it's all about me", then the solution has to be that it becomes "all about you". Service makes that happen. I have found no greater joy than in watching someone

else recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body.

I want to thank all of you, again, for all the well wishes and prayers. There is always a solution, and recovery lies ahead, for all of us. May God grant you joy in service as we trudge this road OF happy destiny.

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## Lets Hope May is Better

Mark G.

### Area 16 Alternate Delegate

Well, another assembly has come and gone. A little over 34 % of GSR's attended. That is a 5 % reduction from September of 2024. That was a little disappointing, but it was terrible weather. Let's hope May is better.

Every pamphlet, every book, every outreach idea in AA comes from a member. I know we have great membership in Georgia. I believe that someone out there has the next great idea for carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Your GSR is the person who brings your idea to Assembly.

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## TREASURER / [treasurer@aageorgia.org](mailto:treasurer@aageorgia.org)

### The Treasury - Where Money & Spirituality Mix MFB Area 16 Treasurer

There was a time in my sobriety when I stopped putting money in the 7th Tradition basket. I had a few resentments going on at the time. I had an overwhelming feeling of betrayal is the best word to describe what shifted. In my mind, buying breakfast for a newcomer, putting food in their fridge, or putting gas in their tank was where my "contributions" went. I even sold two different newcomers one of my vehicles, and co-signed on an apartment for another. I looked at all of these things as 12 Step work and 7th Tradition contributions. I was wrong. I had no balance. I have since healed my resentments, let my ego be squished, and found balance thanks to good sponsorship.

A loving long-timer in AA, caught wind of this and sat me down after a meeting. She quickly shoved me out of my ego, "Who do you think you are?" She then said, "Mary, you hand pick who you are 'saving'. You pick people who 'need' you. Do you even know if they want what AA has to offer? Stop playing God. You being their banker doesn't help keep the lights on at AA here or anywhere. What you are doing is just fueling your ego. That \$10.00 breakfast is 2 Big Books we could give away. The groceries you have bought could have covered your home group's rent. Bill W. shared a story of how we will put dollars in the hands of that shaking alcoholic and only dimes in the basket. Our egos make us do that. Putting your contributions quietly in the basket does the most good for the most people. It will help you, too. Get over yourself!" Thank you, Kay.

## SECRETARY / [secretary@aageorgia.org](mailto:secretary@aageorgia.org)

### Our Great Responsibility Kirby M. Area 16 Secretary

What an awesome time was had at the January Assembly! I will be honest in saying that after living in a food-induced coma for weeks and struggling with interaction overload throughout the holidays, it is always such a pleasure to get back to a routine and see all your smiling faces.

There is just something so special to me about the January Assembly. It is always exactly what I need in order to recharge my "AA batteries" and to carry on with what I love most, which is being of service to all of you.

Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of working with some wonderful women in this program in an effort to grow my knowledge of all three of our lega-

cies in AA. This past week our discussion centered around the First Tradition and what our founders truly meant but "our common welfare." We have all heard the first tradition read aloud a million and one times over in meetings, at conventions, and at our Area assembly. However, hearing it and dissecting it are two wildly different things.

As we began to break down and discuss the meaning of this tradition, the gravity of what our founders were trying so desperately to have us preserve, above all else, became clear to me for the first time.

**Secretary**  
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## SELF-SUPPORT

### GROUP CONTRIBUTION PLANS TO AA SERVICE ENTITIES

"To help support AA's essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, *through an informed group conscience*, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation."

*-Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix*

Self-support begins with each of us as part of a group. After group expenses are paid, remaining contributions should be disbursed to cover the expenses of our service entities so others can discover the miracles of AA.

Below are sample distribution plans. The group conscience should be informed on the financial needs of each of the service entities when making their distribution decisions as those needs change over time.

#### Group Conscience Decision

State Office, Macon:	_____ %
District/Zone:	_____ %
Central Office:	_____ %
Pre-Paid Convention:	_____ %
GSO:	_____ %
Total:	100 %

Sample Distribution	A	B
State Office, Macon:	50%	30%
Central Office:	-	35%
District/Zone:	10%	5%
Pre-Paid Convention:	10%	10%
GSO:	30%	20%

**Mailing Addresses:**  
**GSSA (State Office) &**  
**Prepaid Convention**  
P.O. Box 68  
Macon, GA 31202

**GSO (General Service Office)**  
P.O. Box 2407  
James A. Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

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or visit [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org)*

## Editorial Calendar and 8 Essentials of Grapevine

Haley W., Chair

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Area 16 Grapevine / La Viña Committee

## Upcoming Grapevine Magazine topics

Technology & AA stories are due March 15, 2025. Online meetings, hybrid meetings, smartphones, texting, meeting apps, social media... and yes, good old fashioned phone calls. How has technology helped your sobriety and changed the way you connect with your sponsor, sponsees and fellows?

Remote Communities stories are due May 15, 2025. Are you involved in Remote Community service? Do you live far from AA meetings? Are you a loner? Stationed far away? Do you have a language or cultural barrier? Are you homebound? Do you use online meetings? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you stay sober. Sober Holidays! (stories due May 15, 2025) December is a great time of year to reach out to alcoholics and help others. What are the ways you stay sane and grateful during the holidays and New Year's? How do you navigate holiday parties and family gatherings? Share your best sober holiday stories!

## Eight essential things to know about Grapevine.

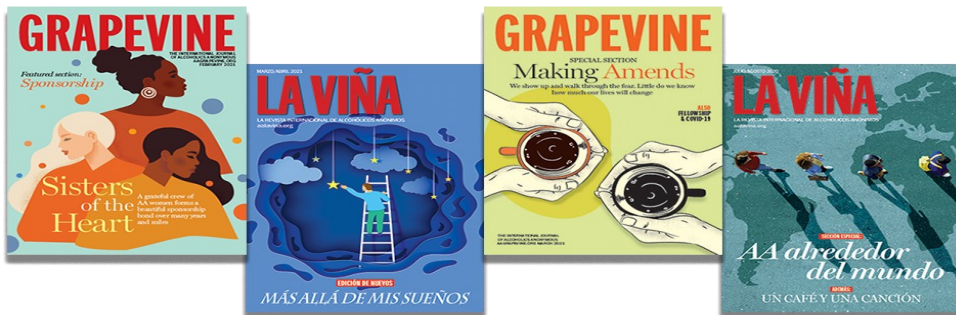
1. The General Service Conference has recognized the Grapevine as "the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."
2. Grapevine is a forum for the collective voices of AA members to share their experience, strength, and hope. Members from around the US and Canada recount their experiences getting and staying sober, working the steps, applying the traditions, sponsoring, doing service, facing adversities, realizing dreams, and much more.
3. Long referred to as AA's "meeting in print," Grapevine is now also available in digital and audio formats. For more information, see Grapevine Handbook, two sections in Part I: "Four Different Magazine Format for Subscribers to Choose From" and "Four Digital Devices for Subscribers to Read Grapevine + Print Magazine."
4. Grapevine is published monthly by the editorial, production, and administrative staff who work at the General Service Office in New York.
5. Grapevine publishes a popular print book and e-book series. Our print and e-book series features collections of stories that have appeared in the magazine over its long history. For more information,

see this section in Part I: "Do You Know about Grapevine's Popular Book Series?"

6. Grapevine does not receive 7th Tradition contributions. Grapevine is entirely self-supporting through sales of subscriptions and related content.
7. Grapevine is a unique service tool to carry AA's message of hope and recovery to alcoholics both inside and outside the fellowship. For examples, see Grapevine Handbook in Part II: "How Can GVRs Encourage More Twelfth Step Use of Grapevine?"
8. AA members, not "professional writers," write the stories that appear in the issues of Grapevine. (One exception is, from time to time, when a friend of AA writes an article.) For more information, see Grapevine Handbook in Part II: "How Can GVRs Encourage Members to Submit Articles to Grapevine?"

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The aim of our First Tradition, (and all of our traditions), is to preserve unity within the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Unity. THAT is our great responsibility. To place our common welfare first and to trust that in doing so, our personal recovery will be insured. I am blessed to have witnessed the practice of this tradition in action over and over again while working alongside all of you in Area 16. International Convention 1970  
**"This we owe to A.A.'s future;  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our Fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,  
And the lives of those to come."**



## Treatment & Accessibilities [treatment@aageorgia.org](mailto:treatment@aageorgia.org)

### Getting Started Claire P., Chair, Nancy N., Co-Chair, Area 16 Treatment / Accessibilities Committee

There is probably no easier place for an AA member to find a suffering alcoholic than in a treatment facility or outpatient treatment setting - treatment committee workbook pg.3

It was so nice to meet and talk to people at the January assembly that are so dedicated to carrying the message. I continue to be humbled by what A.A. members are willing to give of themselves.

We have 2 projects for the new year:

1. To make a list of all treatment meetings in the area 16. If you are currently bringing a meeting to a treatment center, senior center, nursing home, or homeless center please email [cotreatment@aageorgia.org](mailto:cotreatment@aageorgia.org) with your name and contact infor-

mation, the facility name, your district and home group.

2. To have a data base of bridging the gap volunteers. Volunteers may be paired with a person leaving a treatment center. They then accompany the newcomer to some meetings, explain how to use the meeting guide app, explain sponsorship and introduce them to AA literature. It's a great way to make a newcomer feel welcomed. If you are interested in volunteering there are form on the [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) website under committees then treatment.

We have started a monthly zoom meeting to discuss treatment and accessibility information the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. Anyone is welcome to join. If you have a specific topic you would like discussed send us an email.

**Meeting ID: 832 5936 4592**

**Passcode: 051083**

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Nancy N

## CORRECTIONS / [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org)

### Carrying the Message: Bringing AA into Corrections Amber T., Chair John R., Co-Chair Area 16 Corrections Committee

Getting involved in Corrections service is a meaningful way to share the gift of recovery with those who need it most expecting nothing in return. Many incarcerated individuals are seeking a new way of life, and AA members can help by bringing meetings into prisons, especially as facilities reopen to volunteers. The Pink Can Fund is crucial in providing Big Books and AA-approved literature to inmates, but we are in urgent need of more contributions to keep up with demand. Corrections Corre-

spondence allows volunteers to write letters, offering hope and guidance to those working on the steps behind bars. The Pre-Release Program ensures newly released individuals connect with an AA member and attend a meeting within their first 24 hours of freedom. Your support—whether through volunteering or donating to the Pink Can Fund—helps extend the spirit of AA, reminding those in correctional facilities that they are not alone. Please reach out with any questions, [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org), we look forward to assisting you in extending the hand of AA to everyone!

## La Viña / [lavina@aageorgia.org](mailto:lavina@aageorgia.org)

### Introduction

**Daniel I., Presidenta La Viña  
Área 16 Comité Grapevine / La Viña**

¡Hola familia! Mi nombre es Daniel I y soy su nuevo representante para La Viña. Quiero comenzar agradeciendo a Amparo por su servicio y apoyo, hemos sido bien atendidos.

La Viña y Grapevine han sido recursos increíbles para mi recuperación y una herramienta increíble para llevar el mensaje de Alcohólicos Anónimos a nuevos miembros en mi comunidad. También he tenido la suerte de tener una reunión en mi grupo base que a menudo usa Grapevine para nuestras reuniones de discusión, muchos de nuestros miembros ahora se han suscrito a Grapevine y lo leen a diario. He encontrado que tener reuniones que usan Grapevine/La Viña realmente anima a los miembros a suscribirse por sí mismos, mi grupo base también tiene su propia suscripción.

Estoy animado para servir a nuestra comunidad Hispana/Latina aquí en Georgia, es realmente increíble ver a los miembros hispanos/latinos de AA presentarse y servir, llevando el mensaje al alcohólico aún está sufriendo. Gracias!

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## Tech Tips and Tricks

**Derek W., Chair**

**Lon P., CoChair**

**Area 16 Communications Committee**

Technology should help us, not hinder us - embracing technology can be very beneficial. But what does this have to do with A.A.? Here are two examples from our workshop discussion at January 2025 GSSA

How does your group/district distribute information? Where are past records kept? What about organizing 12th Step commitments or tasks for events such as picnics? What about a form for conducting group or district inventories?

Google Workspace - It's Your

Friend - and it is Area 16's email and communications system - we have a [non-profit account](#), which has ZERO cost - isn't that awesome?

DCM Pre-conference meeting prep - review of agenda items - virtual meetings with groups and GSRs - district and group document archiving (such as business meeting minutes and treasurer reports) - event sign-up forms - quick and easy group discussions - Google Workspace makes a lot of this much easier - documents can be shared instead of downloaded and emailed or printed - Google Meet is easy to use and has all the features of other virtual platforms

If your group or entity is not a non-profit, then perhaps a free

Gmail account is the best option - many of these functions are available to regular Gmail accounts as well - check out the differences

[HERE](#)

[QR Codes](#) - can be used for anything that has a web address - A.A. literature - beginner packets - many of the items listed above can utilize a QR Code - did you know that you can create a QR Code using Chrome - just right click on any webpage and scroll down to "Create QR code for this page"

Questions/Comments/Concerns? Please visit us at the SE GA Cluster Forum in Savannah in March 2025 and/or send an email to [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org)

## ARCHIVES/

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## Archives, Upcoming Events

**Drew H., Chair,**

**John J., Co-Chair**

**Area 16 Archives Committee**

Spring is here and we have great things planned for 2025. First, the next online "Archives Committee Present" series will show "Part 2" of "The Start of the General Service Conference, From Concept to Reality, Bill's Third Legacy of Service" will be held on Zoom - Saturday, March 14, 2025 at 7pm. - Meeting ID - 822 7113 9652 and Password: 810970. Part 2 begins from the first 1951 Conference and continues into the 4-year trial run. We will cover Georgia's First and Second Delegates, for Panel's 2-5, up to the point where 'AA Comes of Age' in 1955 St Louis Convention. Ulti-

mately when the groups and its members take up responsibility as 'The Successors to the Cofounders,' how each group's voice steers AA through their GSR's, conveyed at the Area assemblies, and the Delegate ultimately bringing our voice to the 'Conference' in New York city.

The next presentation will be on the AA Grapevine. Interesting fact, one of the best archival repositories is the "AA Grapevine". The amazing story of its original all women founders, its first struggles and what its core purpose was, a means of unifying the fellowship. Expect this around the end of April early May, keep an eye out.

Anyone interested in Archives, open members and district reps, the interactive workshops will begin

in April on the same Zoom - Sunday April 13, at 5pm-6pm. Starting with how to research historical information, including great places to look. Example. Dr Bob's archival repository is available to view and download. We cannot wait to share this, plus several other methods to find AA History. Finally, at the most important venue to visit, our State Archives Repository in Macon, we need your help in writing descriptions for pieces on display, the goal is to turn it into a historical walkthrough.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>Southeast Cluster Forum</b>	<b>Savannah 5C</b>	<b>March 8</b>	
Includes (3A,3B, 3C, 3D, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D)			
<b>DCM Pre-Conference Meeting</b>	<b>Macon / GSSA</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</b>
75th General Service Conference	New York	April 27—May 3	

**The message article deadline for May and June publication is April 1st.**  
**There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated.**  
**Please mail to: G.S.S.A., P. O. Box 68, Macon, Ga. 31202**

## ASSEMBLY RESERVATIONS

**NEED A ROOM AT THE HAMPTON INN & SUITES OF DUBLIN FOR ASSEMBLY?**

**CALL (478) 246-6055, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE (GSSA) GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY, TO GET THE GROUP RATE. PLEASE REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE IS FOUR WEEKS PRIOR BUT UPTO ONE WEEK IF ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. ROOM RESERVATION COMES WITH FREE WI-FI & FREE BREAKFAST.**

### Birthday Contributions

**District 5 Zone A**  
Pembroke Group  
Jeanne M - January 9, 1980

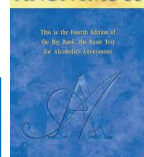
**District 8**  
Baldwin County Group  
Jocelyn B - January 1, 2010

**District 10 Zone D**  
First Things First Group  
David J - October 19, 2000

**District 14 Zone B**  
Easy Does It, But Do It  
Group  
Don P - January 1, 2005

**District Unknown**  
Ginger G - January 29, 1992

ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS



Alcoholics  
Anonymous



***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.***

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## **Alternate Delegate**

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The members of a home group are our greatest resource. We need to hear from each one of you.

The DCM outreach committee has learned of 2-3 Districts which do not have DCM. We will be working to get those positions filled as soon as possible. The members of the DCM Outreach Committee are available to help with any questions that arise. The DCM Outreach

Committee list is available at [aa-georgia.org](http://aa-georgia.org) under the service tab at the top of the page.

We will be choosing the 2027 site for the Georgia Prepaid in the May Assembly. The choices are Athens or Dublin. I have attended Prepays in both locations. Both locations did an excellent job.

If you have not registered for Columbus Prepaid, you need to do so as soon as possible. The good news is that you can now pay for your extracurricular choices online. Simply fill out the registration form

at [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org) and you will direct to the google pay page. Please thank the members of the communication team for their work.

The next Cluster forum is March 8<sup>th</sup> in Savannah. Cluster Forums are sharing sessions for members. There will be reports from Area trusted servants and committee chairs. There is no voting or decision making. Please attend if possible. It is open to all members.

I look forward to seeing you in May.

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## Georgia State Service Assembly

### Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday January 19, 2025

### Pending Approval at the May 2025 BUSINESS MEETING

#### Delegate Report-Liz W.

January 2025 Delegate's Report

I want to thank Tamera for all her hard work putting things together for us this weekend. Tamera also put together all of the Directories that have been distributed today.

I also want to acknowledge Derek, Lon and the rest of the Communications Committee. They have taken on responsibility of all the Audiovisual and recording portions of the assembly. This is no small task, and we are fortunate to have such talent in Area 16.

I want to remind everyone of our theme for 2025: Working Together, Increasing Trust. The presentation topics are:

1. Delegating: It's okay to ask for help
2. Closing the Gap: How do we make the voice of every Group count?
3. Our Financial Responsibility in Carrying the Message.

I have received a working schedule for conference dates and when information will be made available.

Sometime in January I will be receiving the inventory question for the conference inventory that I will be participating in.

As Delegate Chair to the 75th Conference Committee to GV/LV, I will be participating in the 1st Quarter Board Meeting at the end of January. I have already made travel arrangements to be there for the GV/LV Board meeting that actually happens the Thursday preceding all the other events.

I will be meeting with the full conference committee for GV/LV at some point in February to take care of some housekeeping business.

The conference background materials will be sent to us over a period of a week, the same as last year. I will ask Kirby to distribute the information as it is made available.

The final agenda item list should come with the background information. If your District meeting is usually held at the beginning of the month, please consider having it after Feb. 21st so that your DCM can get the background information for you. The Pre-Conference planning meeting is being held Saturday, April 5th. So, your DCM will have about 5 weeks to get feedback from your groups.

The list of all PAI's submitted, those sent forward, and those that were not, will be made available between Feb. 24-28.

Those conference committees that have the corresponding Trustees committee will be jointly,

virtually, at the end of March.

There will be a remote communities meeting, only available to conference members mid-April.

The conference itself will be held April 27-May 3.

We have been informed that there were 143 total PAIs submitted. The 74th Conference Committee to GV/LV met with the Trustees Board Chair to GV/LV on October 15th to review the 10 items received for GV/LV.

There was an agenda Item list forwarded to the DCMs November 22, 2024. Of the 10 Items we talked about during that October 15th meeting, one of those items was on the agenda.

The southeast regional forum was held in Biloxi, at the Golden Nugget Hotel, on December 6-8, 2024.

There were 484 in attendance representing all the areas in the Southeast, including Puerto Rico. There were also 25 in attendance from areas outside the Southeast.

I was asked to present a workshop, and I chose the topic "Grapevine: more than just a magazine".

There was good discussion and input.

I learned some things, one of which is that I'm no good at playing slots, but Tracy is!

I was asked to present a workshop on Grapevine. I chose the topic "Not just a magazine".

We have talked much about the App over the past year, and you even know about the podcast. But did you know that the podcast is also available on YouTube? Every one of the over 170 episodes is there.

There are also videos on a wide range of topics. In 2024 a new section was added for the deaf alcoholics in ASL.

Did you know that most of our literature is also available as AUDIO BOOKS

Some of the same print books are offered in audio format (either as a CD or MP3), but there are also new titles here that are worthy of exploring:

A Lifetime of AA

Attitude Adjustment

It Works if We Work it.

Not for Newcomers Only

Partners on the Journey

Pathways to Spirituality

Powers of Example

The Story of AA, How the Fellowship Began

What it was Like: Early AAs tell their stories

The Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour has exceeded 1 million downloads!

You can access the Podcast FREE through the App. There is a new episode every Monday at 9am.



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One of the hosts was in Biloxi at the SERF!

It was announced in December that Grapevine book pricing will increase by \$1 per book effective February 1st. If you are planning to get some books from Grapevine, now is the time.

New List Prices for certain Discount Literature Packages will go into effect on January 22, 2025. These adjusted List Prices have been calculated to reflect a consistent 35% discount off the combined total list prices of the contents of the packages.

The updated Discount Literature Packages List Prices will be reflected on the AAWS online web store as well as in our updated digital and print 2025 Catalog.

Please keep in mind that the only income Grapevine has is through the sale of subscription and print literature. AA Grapevine, Inc. provides services for the body for free. Services like the weekly podcast, the Instagram page, and the YouTube Channel. Quantity purchases in excess of \$500 will still be eligible for a 20% discount.

Apps

Grapevine downloads: 48,903 compared with 40,654 in June.

» Total in-app subscriptions: 6,110 compared with 5,755 in June.

» Total subscribers with app access: 14,392 compared with 14,033 in June  
La Viña downloads 2,052 compared to 1,689 in June.

» Total in-app subscriptions 280 compared with 210 in June.

» Total subscribers with app access: 440 compared with 345 in June.

Print Magazines subscription averages first half of 2024.

Grapevine 45,943

La Viña 6,782

Total Subscription averages first half of 2024 (print, app, online, complete)

Grapevine 59,032

La Vina 7,158

Income to date from Apple Store and Google Play: \$125,784.25

For the nine months ending September 30, 2024, total operating revenue is \$14,591,894 which is 3% more than the year to date (YTD) budget of \$14,140,375.

Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$13,417,466, which is 3% less than the YTD budget of \$13,826,110.

Operating surplus before depreciation is \$1,174,429 compared to a budgeted YTD surplus of \$314,265, so we have an extra \$860,164 more than we anticipated at this point in the year.

The reserve fund is at 6.41 months of 2024 re-forecast operating expenses versus a target range of nine to 12 months.

I will say that the reserve funds are low, but in tracking the numbers just this year, it has increased slightly.

Before the Covid pandemic, the Fellowship had robust literature sales and strong margins on those sales. As you can see from the chart below, we experienced severe drops in sales during the pandemic. "Gross Sales" are what we sell literature for — a \$10 book = \$10 in gross sales. Gross sales though aren't the whole story. What did that book cost to print? If it costs \$6, then we made \$4. If the book cost \$12, we actually would lose money. That amount we make is called many things: gross margin, margin, or net sales, for example. Gross Margin Percentage is what we make divided by the sale — so \$4 made on a \$10 book is 40% gross margin. With that primer in mind, this chart shows a bit of recent history.

The Trustees Corrections committee reviewed the draft service piece.

"Facilitating Online Meetings in Correctional Facilities" and asked the Staff secretary to work with Publishing to add this service piece to the Corrections workbook and kit.

So, there will be a new section in the Corrections workbook about facilitating online AA meetings inside a correctional facility.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) is thrilled to announce the launch of Our Primary Purpose, the official podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Through engaging interviews with GSO staff and A.A. members—and voices from A.A. history—this new podcast explores how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of recovery to those who need it most, which is Our Primary Purpose.

Start Listening: First Episode is already available on streaming platforms. It premiered on January 14, 2025.

The International convention is an event that commemorates the anniversary of both Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob (May 12, 1935) and the birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous (June 10, 1935).

The 90th anniversary is being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6

You can find the registration link online at aa.org. Search for International Convention in the search bar, or use the QU code on the screen, it will take you right there. Registration is available in English, Spanish and French.

A virtual option is available for only \$35. With that you can stream the major speaking events that are being held in the main arena.

You will be asked to select your preferred level of participation, and you will be offered several other add-ons. You can pay for all of this at the end. There are several payment options available.

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I have already started forwarding the new “Chit-Chat” memo to your DCMs. I will continue to do so as I receive them from GSO. These are helpful bits of information designed to drum up excitement and enthusiasm while providing valuable information about the event. There’s only 166 days to go before all the fun begins!

“About AA” is by no means new, but it is a valuable resource of information to anyone working to inform a professional about AA. You can sign up for free to receive issues via email. Past issues are available to read on aa.org under resources and newsletters.

The Trustees’ Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and accessibilities is pleased to announce the launch of the military veteran interview project. This initiative invites AA members who are Veterans of the United States or Canadian Armed Forces to participate in a unique opportunity to share their experiences.

The goal of this effort is to enhance AA outreach specifically tailored to Military Veterans on the US and Canada. A key component will be the creation of several audio interviews, in which anonymity-protected AA members who are Military Veterans share their experience, strength and hope – focusing on the intersection of military service and recovery in AA.

The Corrections desk publishes the newsletter Sharing from Behind the Walls quarterly. It contains excerpts from letters sent to GSO by people in custody with their permission. These newsletters are for distribution to A.A. members in correctional facilities. Anyone can copy “Sharing from Behind the Walls” to share with all members in the Fellowship especially those incarcerated.

Support for Neurodivergent members - Thanks to some incredible shared experience from neurodivergent A.A. members, we are currently updating the flyer “Serving All Alcoholics: Making the A.A. Message Accessible” (F-107) with suggestions for meetings and sponsorship to better support those in the Fellowship who are neurodivergent. The term “neurodivergence” can include those with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, OCD, Down Syndrome and Tourette syndrome to name a few.

If you are a new GSR, DCM or just want to know more about being a trusted servant, visit aa.org and go to the tab on the top of the page labeled “Inside AA”. A dropdown menu will appear with several options.

In the “Information for New Trusted Servants” section, you can find website listings for all the area websites in the US and Canada, as well as contact information for all of the Staff Assignments.

You can view listings of everything you need for a GSR Kit or DCM Kit. Those lists have links to all the materials needed that you can download digitally for free.

All the committee sections will take you to copies of their respective workbooks and/or work kits. They also provide information about those committees and share links with useful information. Please check all out.

The English version of the “2024-2026 A.A. World Service Manual is available in both print and digital formats.

The Spanish and French versions will be available in mid-January. I will send out a notice once they are available for download and purchase.

It is a privilege to serve as your Panel 74 Delegate. Thank you so much for allowing me to represent you at the General Service Conference.

### **Final 71st Ga Prepaid Convention Report- Jimmy M.**

Jimmy M., Convention Chairman, gave the final report of the 71st Georgia Prepaid Convention which was held on Jekyll Island October 17th through October 20th.

He stated that The Big Book tells us that “We absolutely insist on enjoying life”. It appears that everyone who attended did just that, we had a great time.

Jimmy reported that there were 2,344 people who attended the convention from 15 different states. We had originally estimated that we would have between 1,500 and 1,600 attendees (based on the previous year’s convention).

There were over 130 people who volunteered to help during the weekend. People could sign up online to volunteer. There were a number of people from out of our district who volunteered.

The main speakers were: Selena J. from Brunswick GA; Chuck and Beth H. from Destin FL; Meyers R. from Irving TX (Meyers announced that this was the last time he would travel to speak); Jeryl T from Orange Co CA; and the Al-Anon speaker was Norma H. from Warner Robins GA. All the speakers gave great talks.

We held a number of workshops, panels, and “small” speaker meetings. These meetings were held concurrently (when there was a workshop, there would also be a panel and/or “small” speaker meeting). Jimmy explained that this allowed people to choose the type of meeting they wanted to attend. Several of the speakers were local. Also, space was limited for the small meetings, and it allowed more people to attend.

Entertainment was Sober Trivia on Friday night and a Halloween Costume Contest and dance, with live band, Saturday night after the meeting. All had a great time.

Activities for the weekend included: beach volleyball, yoga on the beach, golf tournament (44 people played golf) and Motorcycle Poker Run. The sobriety countdown was Saturday night. It was very emotional, 2 ladies with 24 hours each were escorted to

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the front and given Big Books. Wizard of Oz characters congratulated people when their number of years were called.

The Fellowship Dinner was held Saturday evening. Space was limited to 150 people. There were two seats (5:00 and 6:15). This allowed 300 people to enjoy the dinner. The food was really good.

The Hospitality Room was located in the host hotel, Home 2 Suites. We were allowed to bring food in and to make coffee. There were 17 AA groups that signed up to take on a two-hour slot and bring food. There was food each day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There was enough food for people to eat three meals a day in the Hospitality Room. There were ice cream sandwiches on Saturday afternoon.

Red Bug Motors donated 2 large golf carts for the weekend. This allowed us to provide a shuttle service between the host hotel and the convention center.

The speaker gifts were made by Glen B., Convention Co-Chair. These were beautiful glass-fired circles with triangles on a hand-made wooden stand. One of the speakers was so impressed that he went to Glen's house on Sunday to see his studio.

Financial Report – Total revenue was \$18,922. The Fellowship Dinner brought in \$10,500; \$2,400 for the sale of boxed lunches; Out of State Registration was \$975; Motorcycle Poker Run was \$185; and we collected \$4,862 from donations and contributions (collection boxes at coffee stations and Hospitality Room and baskets were passed during the Saturday night meeting).

Total expense for the convention was \$98,590. The Convention Center expense was \$70,134, food and beverage expense were \$45,216 (we used 315 gallons of coffee for a cost of \$23,232). The speaker expense was \$6,238. Area 16 officers' expense was \$11,409. Convention Committee expense was \$5,716. Entertainment was \$2,891. Supplies and other fees were \$2,201.

The net expense for the convention was \$79,668. We had budgeted net cash expense of \$81,383. The convention ended up under budget by \$1,715. Jimmy thanked everyone who helped with the convention: Mark G, Alt-Delegate for his support; Tamera for her support; committee chairs and co-chairs; all those who volunteered their time to help out; Lee Y. for providing all the AV equipment (this save us significant money); the Convention Center staff; and everyone who attended.

Respectfully Submitted, Jimmy Mooney, Chairman 71st GA Prepaid Convention

### **72nd Ga Prepaid Convention Report- Claudia R. - Columbus, Ga 2025**

Hi, my name is Claudia, and I am an alcoholic. How many of you have signed up for the best Prepaid convention in Columbus GA – with the timely theme “Working together to increase trust”.

- Glitches with QR code and the like
- Sign up on the GSSA webpage or scan the QR code on our board in the lobby.
- Thank Jimmy Mooney who has been sharing his experiences and knowledge from the convention in Jekyll Island this past year.
- Thank the communication and Web committees for using their IT skills to develop a 1.0 new registration and payment processing system. Making it easier to track both people registered and payments.

Tamera, Todd our past treasurer and Mary Flynn, our current treasurer, for streamlining the process to get the convention chairperson set up the prepaid checking account saving time and frustration.

The Columbus prepaid committee is an awesome group of service driven AA's and we Understand the Prepaid budget is tight; I believe that the Columbus convention committee has recovery while being prudent with the budget.

The convention will start on Friday instead of Thursday – saving hotel, convention and meal cost but will start strong with two of our GA trusted servants carrying their message, Liz W and Tracy M. on Friday afternoon. Other speakers are Tali P., Angie P., Merideth M and Patrick B

We were able to negotiate a 20% discount from the convention venue because we are a nonprofit business, and - this is a big coffee \$8.70 a gallon.

By making a few small adjustments we should be able to keep the cost of the convention right at \$50,000 – 20% more than when we hosted the convention 20 years ago.

Our very timely theme is.

Comments from Pre-Paid Convention co-chair, Brandi Dori

### **Alternate Delegate Report- Mark G.**

#### **• The DCM Outreach committee-**

Gave updates about districts currently without DCMs.

In representing the voice of Area 16 it is imperative we represent every group's voice. Not just the ones that can afford it.

#### **• Prepaid Convention Updates-**

Columbus and Duluth are moving towards doing the same in the next couple of years.

#### **• Cluster Forums-**

The next cluster Forum is in Savannah March 8th at 10 am.

- Explained Cluster Forum Regions.
- Southeast Cluster Forum District 5C March
- East Central District 12B June

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- Northwest District 15B August
- District 17 (Bendido Amaecer) November
- Covered 2025 Area Functions
- Gave an update on 72nd and 3rd Prepaid Convention
- Discussed bid procedure for January Assembly
- Assembly attendance fell from 39% of GSRs in September to 34 % of GSRs in January

Thanks for allowing me to serve,  
Mark G.

## **Secretary Report- Kirby M. Assembly Attendance Report**

- DCMs- 35
- Alt DCMs-16
- District Sec/Treasurers-2
- GSRs-195
- Alt GSRs-55
- Group Sec-12
- Grapevine Reps-8
- Treatment Reps-7
- Corrections Reps-5
- Communication Reps-4
- PI/CPS Reps-3
- Archives-5
- Members at large-36
- Online attendance-36
- **Total in attendance- 419**
- **Group Updates/Changes:** In the folders that you received from your DCMs you should have a spiral notebook which is the 2025 updated Area Directory. Please make sure you keep your district and group information up to date by going to aageorgia.org and adding any changes.
- **Meeting Guide App:** When you update your information at aageorgia.org it updates your information on the Meeting Guide App. There is an exception for the Atlanta and Savannah districts. Those updates will come through your Intergroup office, so be sure to notify them of your changes as well.
- **Ordering Literature:** You may purchase literature on the website as well using the "Buy Online" tab at the top right of the website's homepage.
- **Office Hours:** If you need assistance with anything, the office is open **Monday – Thursday/9:00am – 5:00pm and on Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm.** Or you can leave a message on the website, and someone will get back to you when they are in.
- **DISTRICT MINUTES AND GROUP MINUTES-** Remember to email your minutes to district-minutes@aageorgia.org. Both district and group minutes can be sent to this email for archival purposes.

## **New Post office information:**

**GSSA P.O. Box 68 Macon, GA 31202**

Once again, I want to thank you all for the amazing privilege of serving Area 16,

Kirby M.

## **Treasurer Report-M.F.B.**

Financial Talking Points	Temas de conversación financieros
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 2024 End of Year Annual Review                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Income Actual vs. Budget</li> <li>☐ Contribution Details</li> <li>☐ Expense Actual vs. Budget</li> <li>☐ Committee Expense Details</li> <li>☐ Totals</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Bottom Lines                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ GSSA Account Balances</li> <li>☐ Prudent Reserve</li> <li>☐ Prepaid</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ 2025 Budget Overview</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Revisión anual de fin de año 2024                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Ingresos Reales vs. Presupuesto</li> <li>☐ Detalles de la contribución</li> <li>☐ Gastos reales vs. Presupuesto</li> <li>☐ Detalles de los gastos del comité</li> <li>☐ Totales</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Líneas de fondo                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Saldos de las cuentas GSSA</li> <li>☐ Reserva prudente</li> <li>☐ Pagado por adelantado</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Resumen del presupuesto 2025</li> </ul>

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2024 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2024			
Income Details Ingreso Detalles	2024 Budget 2024 Presupuesto	2024 Actual 2024 Actual	Difference Diferencia
<b>Contributions</b> Contribuciones	\$213,211.36	<b>\$205,233.35</b>	<b>\$(7,978.01)</b>
<b>Literature Sales</b> Venta de literatura	\$97,000.00	<b>\$96,680.92</b>	<b>\$(319.08)</b>
<b>Interest</b> Interés	\$750.00	<b>\$3,984.87</b>	<b>\$3,234.87</b>
<b>Total Income</b> Ingresos Totales	\$310,961.36	\$305,899.14	<b>\$(5,062.22)</b>

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2024 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2024			
Total Number of Groups	765	Número total de grupos:	765
Total Number of Corrections Groups	43	Número total de grupos correccionales	43
Numbers of Groups in Districts	722	Número de grupos en los distritos:	722
Contribution Details Detalles de la contribución	Amount Importe	% of Groups % de Grupos	# of Groups # de Grupos
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Tradition</b> 7ª Tradición	\$187,749.02	<b>57%</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>Other</b> Otro	\$17,414.33		
<b>Prepaid</b> Pagado por adelantado	\$54,236.22	<b>39%</b>	<b>281</b>

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## 2024 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2024

Expense Details Detalles de gastos	2024 Budget 2024 Presupuesto	2024 Actual 2024 Actual	Difference Diferencia
<b>GSSA Office</b> Oficina de la GSSA	\$144,254.99	\$141,084.47	<b>\$3,170.52</b>
<b>Committees</b> Comités	\$66,362.00	\$43,899.07	<b>\$22,462.93</b>
<b>Assembly</b> Ensamblaje	\$42,172.00	\$43,692.27	<b>\$(1,520.27)</b>
<b>Literature</b> Literatura	\$79,800	\$79,150.12	<b>\$649.88</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b> Gastos Totales	\$332,588.99	\$307,825.93	<b>\$24,763.06</b>

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## Prudent Reserve    Reserva prudente

<b>Current Reserve Fund Balance</b> \$262,738.55 <i>as of 12/31/2024</i>	<b>Saldo actual del Fondo de Reserva</b> \$262,738.55 A partir del 31/12/2024
<b>Operating Expenses</b> \$255,408.00 <i>Based on 2025 Budget</i>	<b>Gastos de Operación</b> \$255,408.00 Basado en el presupuesto de 2025
<b>Months of Operating Expenses</b> 12+	<b>Meses de Gastos Operativos</b> 12+

The number of months of operating expenses should reflect a normal operating year in case of emergency. The Budget & Finance Committee will be tasked with planning a use for the excess, if any, this year.

El número de meses de gastos operativos debe reflejar un año operativo normal en caso de emergencia. El Comité de Presupuesto y Finanzas tendrá la tarea de planificar el uso del excedente, si lo hay, este año.

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## Committee Expense Details    Detalles de los gastos del comité

Expenses			
Committee Name Nombre del comité	2024 Budget 2024 Presupuesto	2024 Actual 2024 Actual	Difference Diferencia
Office Committee Comité de Oficina	\$16,172.00	\$8,930.65	<b>\$(7,241.35)</b>
Service Committees Comités de Servicio	\$45,290.00	\$22,200.87	<b>\$(23,089.13)</b>
Miscellaneous Misceláneo	\$4,900.00	\$12,767.55	<b>\$(7,867.55)</b>
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b> Gastos totales del comité	<b>\$66,362.00</b>	<b>\$43,899.07</b>	<b>\$(22,462.93)</b>

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## PrePaid Account Balances    Saldos de cuentas prepagadas

PrePaid Balance Sheet	Balance general de PrePaid
Checking/Savings	Cuenta de cheques/Ahorros
<b>Operating Account</b> Cuenta de Explotación	\$71,734.89
<b>Money Market Accounts</b> Cuentas del mercado monetario	\$70,939.87
<b>Total</b> Totales	\$142,674.76

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## 2024 End of Year Annual Review Revisión anual de fin de año 2024

GSSA Account Description Descripción de la cuenta GSSA	2024 Budget 2024 Presupuesto	2024 Actual 2024 Actual	Difference Diferencia
<b>Total Income</b> Ingresos Totales	\$310,961.36	<b>\$305,899.14</b>	<b>\$(5,062.22)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b> Gastos Totales	\$332,588.99	<b>\$307,825.93</b>	<b>\$24,763.06</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b> Superávit/(déficit)	<b>\$(21,627.63)</b>	<b>\$(1,926.79)</b>	<b>\$21,994.33</b>

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## 2025 Budget Overview    2025 Resumen del presupuesto

GSSA Account Description Descripción de la cuenta GSSA	2024 Budget 2024 Presupuesto	2025 Budget 2025 Presupuesto	Difference Diferencia
<b>Total Income</b> Ingresos Totales	\$310,961.36	\$309,641.00	<b>\$(1,320.36)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b> Gastos Totales	\$332,588.99	\$323,208.00	<b>\$9,380.99</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b> Superávit/(déficit)	<b>\$(21,627.63)</b>	<b>\$(13,567.00)</b>	\$8,060.63

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## GSSA Account Balances

GSSA Balance Sheet	Balance general de GSSA
Checking/Savings	Cuenta de cheques/Ahorros
<b>Petty Cash</b> Dinero	\$300.00
<b>Grapevine Petty Cash</b> La Viña Dinero	\$150.00
<b>Money Market Accounts</b> Cuentas del mercado monetario	\$245,205.16
<b>GSSA Operating Account</b> Cuenta Operativa GSSA	\$21,123.73
<b>Total</b> Totales	\$266,778.89

Respectfully submitted,

M.F.B.

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## **Area Chair Report- Tracy M.**

- Recognized Past Trusted Servants
- Read how the assembly operates and rules of voting (Robert's Rules of Order)

### **Old Business-**

#### **Ad Hoc committee to review motion from September 2024-**

Anastasia D. GSR Keystone Group 16C- Motion to table motion on the floor

Joshua C. Alt GSR 16C- Seconded

**"I make a motion to update the GSSA Service Manual implementing a fully hybrid assembly business meeting to include online participation and voting for all registered GSRs in Area 16."**

**Ad Hoc Committee Report- George K. GSR 14D  
Communications Committee Update: Derek W.**

### **New Business-**

#### **Bid for the 74th (2027) PrePaid Convention**

- Bid made by District 16B- Dwight B. GSR  
Athens, Ga
- Bid made by District 6B - Ken A. DCM  
Dublin, Ga

**Voting for the 74th PrePaid Convention bids to take place at the May Assembly**

### **General Sharing**

#### **Action Items**

- Motion made by: Jerry S. 13J—Primary Purpose Group
- Seconded by: Dillion C. 13J-T.U.M.S.

**"Make written guidelines of what qualifies an event to be listed in Georgia Message in Calendar of Events."**

GSRs vote by show of hands.

Majority in favor

**Motion passed.**

- Dan Cook GSR Cochran Home Group 7B  
**Motion made to table the discussion of the motion being voted on at the May assembly.**
- Jeff Stevenson, GSR Martinez Group- seconded  
GSRs vote by show of hands.  
**Motion passed.**

Terri Knight GSR- Point of information regarding the findings of the Ad Hoc committee appointed in September.

**Motion made by: Lynda H. GSR Hoschton, 16B  
"In the new business portion of the meeting make a motion to add a section to the Georgia AA service manual to outline the use of local committee members "LCMs", to support groups in large districts following guidance from appendix F of the AA Service Manual, this is not a manual change, only an addition."**

\*\*Clarification from the Chairperson that the motion on the table would indeed be a manual change and therefore would need to be rescinded or amended.

Original motion maker moved to amend the motion to state, **"In the new portion of the business meeting make a motion to add a section to the Georgia AA service manual to outline the use of Local Committee Members, to support groups in large districts following guidance from appendix F of the AA Service Manual."**

- David GSR, Living Sober Group-Seconded amendment

GSRs vote by show of hands.

**82 in favor of the amendment**

**Amendment passed.**

- Coleen, GSR 7 Up Group, 16C- Motion to decline to consider
- Daniel GSR, 16C- Seconded motion to decline to consider.

GSRs vote by show of hands.

$\frac{2}{3}$  majority to pass

**33 in favor**

**35 against**

**Motion to decline to consider fails.**

Delani GSR, Sisters off the Sauce Group- **Moved to amend the main motion by removing the words, in the new business portion of the meeting, so that the new motion reads, "Amend the Georgia AA Service Manual outlining the use of Local Committee Members to support groups in large districts following guidance from appendix F in the AA Service Manual."**

- Shaun H. GSR, Dallas Group- Seconded  
GSRs vote by show of hands.

**Motion passed.**

\*\*\*Ad Hoc Committee to be appointed and give report on proposed motion at next Assembly.

Bart GSR, Early Bird Group- **Motion to table discussion**

Sherry B, GSR, Eastside Group- Seconded  
**Motion Passed**

- GSR, Stepping Stones Group- Motion to adjourn.
- Brandon S., GSR East Beaufort Group- Seconded

**All in favor of adjourning**

**Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer (English/Spanish)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby M. Area 16 Secretary





# SOUTHEAST GEORGIA CLUSTER FORUM

SATURDAY, 08 MARCH 2025 10A-2P

ST. PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH HELLENIC CENTER  
14 WEST ANDERSON ST. SAVANNAH GA

“WORKING TOGETHER,  
INCREASING TRUST”

PRESENTATION TOPICS:

“DELEGATING, IT IS OK TO ASK FOR HELP”

“CLOSING THE GAP;HOW DO WE MAKE THE  
VOICE OF EVERY GROUP COUNT”

“OUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN  
CARRYING THE MESSAGE”

“HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL REALITY  
FACING OUR SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT”

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30

SPAGHETTI LUNCH AT 12:30

HOSTED BY 5C; POC CHRIS T 912.223.5285



# 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual **2025 GEORGIA PREPAID CONVENTION**

Working Together, Increasing Trust.

**When:** October 17th, 18th, & 19th.

**Where:** Columbus Ga. - Convention & Trade Center - 801 Front Ave

**Pay In Advance Activities:**

Saturday Morning Golf Tournament \$25

Saturday Night Fellowship Dinner \$35 - The Pearl

**Other Activities:** Group motorcycle ride,  
Riverwalk bicycle ride, ziplining, whitewater rafting,  
kayaking, tubing, paddleboarding, fishing.

<https://chattahoochee.whitewaterexpress.com/activity/the-flight-of-the-osprey/>



Columbus Axe Throwing – 1023 Broadway.

**Host Hotels:** Columbus Marriott - 800 Front Ave. - \$184 a night  
Hampton Inn Uptown - 1201 Broadway - \$179 a night  
City Mills - 1801 1st Ave. - \$204 a night  
Hotel Indigo - 21 14th St. - \$194 (Pet Friendly)

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