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**Unity, Rights vs. Responsibilities**

**By Tracy M.  
Area 16 Delegate**

I would like to begin with an experience I had in early recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. I was in the Psychiatric ward of the Hospital where I woke up after an attempt to take my life. After a few days of group and activities including but not limited to ceramics and creative imaging, I still held out hope that I would be able to leave the hospital and finish my original plan to end my life. Then something happened. One of the counselors in the unit sat me down and talked to me. He shared with me about his alcoholism. He talked about the families he had drank up, the hopelessness he had felt and how someone from Alcoholics Anonymous had helped him when he wound up on the street. He told me, Tracy you are not bad trying to get good. You are sick and there is a way you can get well. That day was the beginning for

me. This man was carrying the message that he had been given. He got up that morning and asked for another drunk to help. Fast forward, 18 years later, this man is still a very important part of my sobriety. I have watched him help countless alcoholics like myself and he has called me to come to the hospital many times to talk to women that are in the same place I was when my life was on the line.

When I think about rights for Alcoholics that are still suffering without hope, I wonder what would have happened to me if my Higher Power hadn't intervened. I grew up with active alcoholism, married an alcoholic, and was an alcoholic myself. I knew nothing about Alcoholics Anonymous. I have the right to be grateful and a responsibility to make sure that I ask my Higher Power for a drunk to help.

Bill W. in his essay, Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need, says in part; "Compromise comes hard to us "all or nothing" drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always character-

ized by a series of improving compromises."

In AA Comes of Age, Bill writes; "Our experiences have taught us that anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole society and

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**ALTERNATE DELEGATE / [altdelegate@aageorgia.org](mailto:altdelegate@aageorgia.org)**

**What is Conference-approved literature?**

**By Tom B.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate**

Recently, I heard an AA member-at-large tell a group of other AA members that there was no such thing as Conference-approved literature from Alcoholics Anonymous. This person continued to explain that AA uses the term "Conference-approved literature" as a way to make sure AA members will only buy literature that is published by Alcoholics Anonymous and not any other recovery literature. This is a false statement and gross misconception. Conference-approved literature is a real term. It refers to certain literature published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., one of the two operating corporations of the General Service Board that oversees the operations of the General Service Office and serves as the publishing company for Conference-approved and service literature.

The following excerpt is from Service Material F-29, titled "Conference-approved literature":

The term "Conference-approved" describes written or audiovisual material approved by the Conference for publication by G.S.O. This process assures that everything in such literature is in accord with A.A. principles. Conference-approved material always deals with the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous or with information about the A.A. Fellowship. The term has no relation to material not published by G.S.O. It does not imply Conference disapproval of other material about A.A. A great deal of literature helpful to alcoholics is published by others, and A.A. does not try to tell any individual member what he or she may or may not read. Conference approval assures us that a piece of literature represents solid A.A. experience. Any Conference-approved booklet or pamphlet goes through a lengthy and painstaking process, dur-

ing which a variety of A.A.s from all over the United States and Canada read and express opinions at every stage of production.

It is important to note that not all "AA Literature" is Conference-approved. Conference-approved books, pamphlets and audiovisual materials will have the statement: "This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature" displayed on it. The following statement appears in Service Material F-29:

Central offices and intergroups do write and distribute pamphlets or booklets that are not Conference-approved. If such pieces meet the needs of the local membership, they may be legitimately classified as "A.A. literature." There is no conflict between A.A. World Services, Inc. and central offices or intergroups – rather they complement each other. The Conference does not disapprove

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**TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org**

**Financial Participation  
By Todd B.  
Area 16 Treasurer**

I hope everyone is settling into this 2023 year that seems to be flying by already. It was great to see an awesome turn out at the SE Cluster Forum in St Simon's Island. Thanks to the committee that hosted and provided excellent BBQ sandwiches.

I spoke with Jimmy from the Jekyll Pre-Paid Conference while I was at the Cluster Forum, and let him know how much we loved St. Simons Island and look forward to coming back to Georgia's coast for the 2024 Pre-Paid Convention. By the way Jimmy, Delaney's was delicious. We got in and had an amazing dinner Saturday night.

As the GSR's recall, we are expecting higher than usual costs for the 2024 Jekyll Pre-Paid Conference. I believe it will be worth it. With that being said, the Pre-Paid account was about \$500 under budget this quarter. I hope DCM's can reach out to groups that are not contributing and invite them to attend the Pre-Paid conferences and contribute even a small amount to the Pre-Paid account.

I also want to thank all the groups in Georgia that are participating with their financial donations. Tamera has done excellent work keeping the GSSA Office on budget. Without her help, I could not do my job to report the financials.

GSSA is looking good financially. I have included a GSSA financial

summary for the first quarter of 2023 including January, February, and March financials. The DCMs' approved the mileage increase in November to pay the IRS recommended mileage for trusted servants that increased the budget. Georgia AA groups have answered affirmatively. Our income has paid our expenses for the first quarter with a favorable \$94.16 income left over.

If we can get the zeros off of the group contribution form, I believe Area 16 will be in the best shape spiritually and financially to keep the lights on for the still suffering alcoholic that is staggering in the dark alley tonight. When I first got sober, my sponsor told me that the only debt I had to him was to offer help to the next alcoholic that came behind me and asked me for help. Let's keep the lights on.

I also want to extend an invitation to all the Area 16 group, zone, and District Treasurers to attend the Area Assembly in Dublin this May. I hope we can learn about financial sobriety together and geek-out with some spreadsheets.

Keep on Rockin' in the Free World.

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*First Things First*

*Live and Let Live*

*Easy Does It.*

**SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org**

**Springtime  
By Bobby O.  
Area 16 Secretary**

Happy Springtime Area 16.

I am sad to have missed you all at the DCM planning meeting. I am sure you all have done an excellent job at providing our Delegate with all she needs to attend GSO in the future. It was great to see so many of you at the Cluster Forum a week ago. It always excites me to see well over 100+ AA members together learning how to bet-

ter carry our message to the next suffering person.

Our next assembly is only 7 weeks away. I will be calling on Second year DCM's if they will be standing for Delegate and taking nominations from the floor. If you are one of those persons then please read the qualifications of the delegate on our GSSA service manual.

I look forward to seeing you all in May.

**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:	<u>100 %</u>

**Sample Distribution**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</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 7325  
Macon, GA 31209

**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*

**GRAPEVINE / grapevine@aageorgia.org**

**From the Grapevine Workbook  
By Mitch M., Chair  
Haley W., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Grapevine Committee  
EIGHT ESSENTIAL THINGS TO KNOW  
ABOUT GRAPEVINE**

1. The General Service Conference has recognized the Grapevine as "the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous". This is discussed further in this section in Part I: "Is Grapevine Conference-Approved?"
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 these two sections in Part I: "Four Different Magazine Formats 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 ebook series. Our print and ebook 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 this section 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 this section in Part II: "How Can GVRs Encourage Members to Submit Articles to Grapevine?"

[https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/GV\\_Workbook\\_Jan-2023.pdf](https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/GV_Workbook_Jan-2023.pdf)

**Treatment /Accessibilities  
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**Available to Everyone Who  
Reaches Out  
By Don K., Chair  
Claire B., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Treatment /  
Accessibilities Committee**

Has your group and/or district done an inventory to consider how accessibility issues impact your effectiveness in carrying the message? It is our responsibility to make sure that when someone reaches out for help, we are accessible. The Treatment/Accessibilities Committee is a resource to help Districts, groups, and members find solutions to carrying our message to folks with physical, mental, geographical, and cultural difficulties that may act as barriers. The General Service Office publishes literature for those with vision, hearing, language, and reading difficulties. Many groups provide rides to those who cannot drive to meetings and childcare for single parents. If your group has a question about accessibilities, or you have found a new solution, please reach out to us.

The Bridge the Gap program is designed to help alcoholics who are transitioning from treatment to home. The facility and/or patient is provided with an AA contact who can arrange for a volunteer to contact the patient upon their return and offer help in finding and attending a meeting. GSO has free pamphlets that you can provide to facilities that wish to participate.

The Treatment Committee serves groups and Districts within Area 16 in carrying the AA message to patients at hospitals and institutions. We can help with ideas about how to make initial contact, do's and don'ts when inside a facility and how to help the alcoholic who is transitioning from treatment to home. We are currently planning an Area 16 treatment workshop to be held later in the year. We are working to finalize a location and date for the workshop and should have an announcement at the May assembly. If you have topics that you would like to see covered or would be willing to share your experience with serving in treatment facilities, please contact us.

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**Cooperation  
By William B., Chair  
Karen A., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Public Information and  
Cooperation With the Professional  
Community Committee**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the DCM planning meeting in Macon. It was a wonderful experience and an example of how our collective conscious is heard.

We have had several events and a very busy start to the new year. William has attended a conference for the Society of Aging in Atlanta along with several volunteers as one of our focus points is making AA available to seniors. Some of you may have been at the January Assembly and the District 11A workshop where I discussed my meeting with some key management members of The Brookdale Corp, one of the largest providers of Assisted Living Centers. We discussed how AA can be a need in the facilities as well as be a symbiotic relationship with groups and Districts. There are residents in these facilities who are former members of AA, have been moved out of state by their children and

have lost touch with AA. Many of these members have long term sobriety. I talked to one such gentleman in Woodbury. He said he is cooped up and would love for the chance to be a GSR or even an ABC man - Ashtrays, Brooms & Coffee.

As we work with our professionals, we are also working with our sister committee, Treatment and Accessibilities. The goal is participation and accessibility. The PI/CPC Committee is working with the Treatment and Accessibility Committee to do a joint workshop in Gwinnett County this year. Corporation has been our theme for the past year. It is exciting to be of service and to see how interwoven all the committees are in this effort. I am so proud of our Communications and Web Committees for spearheading projects that will rocket us into the 4th dimension.

If your District or Zone would like to host a PI/CPC workshop in the future, please let me know and we would be willing to set one up with you.



## ARCHIVES/ [archives@aageorgia.org](mailto:archives@aageorgia.org)

### Heritage and History

By Mark G., Chair

Drew H., Co-Chair

Area 16 Archives Committee

Spring is in the air. The most recent Archives Committee presentation "The Big Book, From Concept to Print" is now up on the Area 16 'Archives Committee Presents' web page for viewing. It joins all the other presentations that we have had since the covid lockdown. They can be easily accessed with our new QR Code - takes you right to the Archives page.

On Saturday, May 27th, at 7pm, our next presentation is on "Frank Amos". Our future rested in his hands, and as a friend from Colorado says, "No Frank Amos, No AA". We are keeping with our theme of 'How to use Archives to better



reach the newcomer' so don't forget to listen to our 'Audio' histories including- first Georgia Delegate which is found in Audio Archives tab on Archives page.

Most importantly, on July 29th, from 11am - 2pm, we will hold our In-Person Archives Workshop at our state office in Macon. We are asking all district archivists, past area archive chairs, and all archives enthusiast's, to join us at the state office and bring 'Their Best Archives' and share with all of us the treasures and experience regarding our AA History: Archives Show and Tell. Flyers for both events will be sent out shortly. If you are not on our mailing list, please email us at [archives@aageorgia.org](mailto:archives@aageorgia.org) so you can receive news on all the upcoming events.

<https://www.aageorgia.org/archives.html>

## COMMUNICATIONS [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org)

### A. A. Pamphlets: Another Way to Carry the Message

By Janie C., Chair

Amy B., Co-chair

Area 16 Communications Committee

When we think about A. A. literature, the Big Book, the 12x12, and a few of the others may leap to mind. It's easy to forget about another great source of information: A.A. pamphlets.

Have some questions about working with others? Questions and Answers on Sponsorship, P-15, answers 34 questions pertinent to people looking for sponsors, those looking to be sponsors, and groups interested in hosting sponsorship activities. A. A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues- And Their Sponsors, P-87, relates the experiences of twelve individuals with serious mental health issues and how they found recovery in A.A.

For those new in formal service positions, checking out the GSR or DCM pamphlets may answer some of the questions that come up when we're rotating into a new position. G.S.R. General Service Representation, P-19, outlines the responsibilities of the GSR, and can serve as a guideline for qualifications within the group. Your D.C.M. District Committee Member, F-12, outlines the duties of the DCM. For DCMs with additional questions, check out Sharing from DCMs to a New DCM, SMF-174.

Does your group have questions about money? Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix, F-3, can be a great springboard into discussions within a group or meeting.

Having questions about belief systems? Many Paths to Spirituality, P-84, discusses A.A. as a spiritual rather than a religious program, and draws on the experiences of people from Buddhist, Native American faith traditions, atheism, agnosticism, and more.

Many of the questions that we as individuals or groups have can be answered by checking out these rich resources. The pamphlets and service materials above are available at [aa.org](http://aa.org), and through our office, GSSA.

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

### Bridging the Gap

By Dawn U., Chair

Brad R., Co-Chair

Area 16 Corrections Committee

Our Bridge the Gap (Corrections Pre-release) needs you! How does Bridge the Gap work?

1. AA member/person in custody requests a Bridge the Gap application
2. Person in custody mails the application to GSSA
3. GSSA forwards the application to the Corrections Committee
4. Committee forwards it to the volunteer in the area the person in custody is to be released
5. Volunteer is then responsible for contacting the person in custody.

We believe it is vital that a person in custody get to an AA meeting within 24 to 48 hours after their release. Some of us can relate to participating in AA meetings in a correctional facility but didn't attend meetings after our release. We were nervous, frightened or anxious to walk into

a strange AA meeting. We hope that Bridge the Gap helps a person in custody cross the hurdle by giving them a "friendly ear" on the outside who will make them feel at home in their AA community. Neither Alcoholics Anonymous nor Bridge the Gap provides housing, food, clothing, job, or money. We do, however, help to guide newcomers to find these things for themselves. We strongly believe that alcoholics in correctional facilities need never return if they learn to live sober lives. We believe Bridge the Gap can play an important part in achieving this goal. WE are looking for Bridge the Gap Volunteers, if you are interested, please let Brad or I know.

WE need volunteers to carry the message into prisons. We have had requests for AA meetings in prisons located in the following districts: 2A, 2B, 7A, 8 (men), 4 & 9 (men and women). You do not have to live or go to meetings in these districts to support the prison meetings. You are required to have a department of corrections badge. Contact me at [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org) to learn more.

**La Viña**  
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**Están pasando muchas cosas con La Viña**  
**By Amparo M., Chair**  
**Area 16 La Viña Committee**

Hola soy Amparo M, su coordinadora de La Viña del área 16. Estoy muy contenta de poder representar a La Viña y ser parte del equipo de servicio.

Les cuento que en Febrero tuve el honor de asistir a la junta de trabajo del distrito 17. Ahí fui invitada por el MCD Raymundo, y tuve la oportunidad de compartirlas a los compañeros un poco de lo que La Viña tiene que ofrecer, por ejemplo, acaba de salir un libro nuevo "Sobriedad Emocional" y es uno de tantos libros que La Viña ofrece. En aalavina.org puede escuchar y compartir historias.

Actualmente La Viña esta aceptando historias de experiencias con los Doce Pasos y o las Tradiciones para la revista La Viña y la pagina web.

La Viña es una herramienta muy util de Paso Doce. Regala una suscripción a un nuevo miembro, a un ahijado/a, prisiones, oficinas medicas, etc.

Motive a su grupo, Distrito, Area, y a sus amigos en AA que se unan al proyecto "LLevar el Mensaje, es facil. [www.youtube.com/aalavina](http://www.youtube.com/aalavina). Para ver el video de cómo llevar el mensaje. También hay un aagrapevine podcast que puedes escuchar en inglés. Lo siguiente es algo de lo nuevo en aalavina.org. ¡Animate a chequear la página y únete a llevar el mensaje! ¡Felices 24 horas!

MARZO / ABRIL 2023

**Edición de Nuevos**

En esta edición especial de **Nuevos**, miembros de la comunidad de AA comparten experiencias en los inicios de

su recuperación, la aceptación o la falta de ella, y cómo logran mantener la sobriedad aun en circunstancias difíciles.

Los autores, además, relacionan sus experiencias con el apadrinamiento, sus primeras reuniones de AA y los Pasos. (extracto completo en la carta de bienvenida)



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under which we may grow and work in unity."

I am passionate about the work that we do in Alcoholics Anonymous. We are not fragile flowers. The 1st Tradition is clear about the common welfare. "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A. A. unity."

Our 1st Concept states: "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

Tradition Two, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience, our leaders are but trusted servants they do not govern." I would hope that, as Delegate, I would practice the Third Concept, "Right of Decision", within the spirit of that concept, remembering our 9th tradition, that tells me that I am responsible to those I serve.

Our General Service Structure is our gift from our Co-Founders. I am honored to be a part of that General Service Structure. I believe I have a right to be grateful. There is a priceless freedom that comes with that right.

On the last page of the AA Service Manual, Bill ends with these few sentences:

"Freedom under God to grow in his likeness and image will ever be the quest of Alcoholics Anonymous. May our General Service Conference be always seen as a chief symbol of this cherished liberty. To a man, we of A.A. believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live—the freedom in which we have our being".

**Alternate Delegate**  
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of such material. G.S.O. does develop some literature that does not have to be approved by the Conference, such as Service Material, Guidelines and bulletins.

In addition, the Grapevine and by extension, La Viña, are recognized as Conference-approved literature. In 1986, a Conference Advisory Action specifically addressed the issue of Conference approval for the first time with the following statement: "Since each issue of (the) Grapevine cannot go through the Conference approval process, the Conference recognizes (the) Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous." The Conference Committee on Grapevine was formed in 1954 and any Grapevine or La Viña matter of importance to the Fellowship as a whole is brought to the Conference through that committee.

In closing, Alcoholic Anonymous World Services, Inc. does publish literature that has been produced and approved by the General Service Conference (Conference-approved literature), as well as other literature that does not have to go through the approval process of the Conference (Service Material, Guidelines and bulletins). I urge all AA members to read Service Material F-29, titled "Conference-approved literature".

**Treasurer**  
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1st Quarter 2023 Income			
	Actual	Budget	\$ over Budget
7th Tradition/Contributions	\$49,969.16	\$ 48,457.19	\$ 1,511.97
Literature Income	\$26,368.46	\$ 20,750.15	\$ 5,618.31
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$76,337.62</b>	<b>\$ 69,207.34</b>	<b>\$ 7,130.28</b>
1st Quarter 2023 Expenses			
	Actual	Budget	\$ over Budget
Office and Committee Expenses	\$54,269.93	\$ 64,368.27	\$ (10,098.34)
Literature COGS	\$20,642.53	\$ 16,416.03	\$ 4,226.50
Literature Shipping Expense	\$ 1,331.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 281.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,243.46</b>	<b>\$ 81,834.30</b>	<b>\$ (5,590.84)</b>
1st Quarter 2023 Summary NET Income			
	Actual	Budget	\$ over Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$76,337.62</b>	<b>\$ 69,207.34</b>	<b>\$ 7,130.28</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$76,243.46</b>	<b>\$ 81,834.30</b>	<b>\$ (5,590.84)</b>
<b>NET NET NET</b>	<b>\$ 94.16</b>	<b>\$(12,626.96)</b>	<b>\$ 12,721.12</b>

**A Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united.

For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

*Events listed here are presented solely as a service to the readers, not as an endorsement by the State Assembly. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided. Please check with the organizers closer to the date regarding cancellations or changes.*

<b>73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Assembly</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>April 23 - 29</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> Marietta Spring Roundup	Marietta	May 5-7
Atlanta Intergroup	Virtual	May 7
<b>Georgia AA Service Assembly</b>	<b>Dublin/OFTC</b>	<b>May 19 - 21</b>
Area 16 Archives Digital Presentation	Virtual	May 27
Girlstock International	Atlanta	June 2-4
Atlanta Intergroup	Virtual	June 4
82 <sup>nd</sup> Atlanta Intergroup Anniv. Dinner	Atlanta	June 11
<b>East Central Cluster Forum</b>	<b>9/Swainsboro</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>Includes (8, 9, 12A, 12B)</b>		

**The Message article deadline for July and August publication is June 1st.**

There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated.

**Please mail to: G.S.S.A., P. O. Box 7325, Macon, Ga. 31209**

### Birthday Contributions

**District 11, Zone A**  
The Wake Up Call Group  
Ginger G—January 29, 1992

**District 3 Zone D**  
12 & 12 Group  
Jean G – February 8, 1968

**District 11 Zone A**  
Walton County Group  
Ken D – March 5, 1985

**District 11 Zone B**  
No Name Nooners Group  
Kathie M – October 22, 1983

**Unknown**  
Lauren L – February 2, 2016

**District 14 Zone B**  
Happy Hour Group  
Marilynn J – September 9

**District 14 Zone D**  
Cedartown Group  
Jerry H – December 30, 1984  
Sheila H – October 27, 2008

### New Groups

**District 3 Zone D**  
Take This Step Group  
The Clubhouse  
1501 Demere Rd  
St Simons Isl GA 31522

**District 13 Zone B**  
Fellowship In The Park – Men’s Group  
Memorial Park  
650 Wesley Dr NW  
Atlanta GA 30305  
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Open

Love and Tolerance  
The Zone  
32 N Fairground St NE  
Marietta GA 30060

**District 13 Zone I**  
AA Breakfast Group  
Virtual – Marietta GA  
Daily 8:00 a.m.

**District 16 Zone C**  
5:30 at Main Street Group  
Buford 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church

## 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 that the cut off date is up to one week prior to Assembly if rooms are still available.**

**Room reservation comes with Free Wi-Fi and Free Breakfast.**

***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.***

**GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND**  
**DUBOSE PORTER CENTER / DUBLIN**  
**May 20 & 21, 2023**

**FRIDAY May 19, 2023**

8:00 PM                                    OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING  
Room 622                                    Chairperson., Kenneth H., District 8 – GSR – I Am Responsible Group

**SATURDAY May 20, 2023**

9:00 AM                                    DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS/CO CHAIRS  
Training Room D                            Tracy M., Delegate / Tom B., Alternate Delegate

9:00 – 10:45 AM                        DCM 101 (Part 2 of 3)  
Training Room C                            Debi K., Area Chairperson

10:00 AM                                   ASSEMBLY 101: Getting the most out of your Assembly                                    \*Translated in Spanish  
Training Room G                            David M., Past Delegate, Area 16 (GA) Panel 58

10:00 AM                                   WEB COMMITTEE  
Training Room H                            Dave L., Chairperson

11:00 AM                                   COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
Set up  
Auditorium                                 Janie C./ Amy B. Chairpersons

11:00 AM                                   ARCHIVE MEETING  
Training Room C                            Mark G. / Drew H., Chairpersons

11:00 AM                                   CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Room 620                                    Tom B., Alternate Delegate

11:00 AM                                   CORRECTIONS MEETING  
Room 611/616                                Dawn U. / Brad R., Chairpersons

11:00 AM                                   GRAPEVINE/ LAVINA MEETING  
Training Room G                            Mitch M. / Haley B. / Amparo M., Chairpersons

11:00 AM                                   P/CPC MEETING  
Training Room D                            William B. / Karen A., Chairpersons

11:00 AM                                   SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP                                    \*Translated in Spanish  
Room 622                                    Bobby O., Area Secretary / Todd B., Area Treasurer

11:00 AM                                   TREATMENT/ ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING  
Training Room H                            Don K. / Claire B., Chairpersons

1:00 PM                                    DCM MEETING  
Training Room C                            Tracy M., Delegate

1:00 PM                                    GSR ORIENTATION (Part 2 of 3)                                    \*Translated in Spanish  
Auditorium                                    Liz W., Past Secretary, Area 16 (GA)

3:00 – 5:00 PM                            GSR WORKSHOP                                    \*Translated in Spanish  
Auditorium                                    Round Robin – Fellowship Feedback on Literature changes.  
All are welcome to participate.



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## SATURDAY May 20, 2023 (Continued)

8:00 PM Auditorium	AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING Chairperson – Wanda P., DCM 8 12 Steps – Jane D., DCM 3D 12 Traditions – Christine M. DCM 3A Speaker – Becky S., DCM 5C	*Translated in Spanish
9:30 PM Room 622 Room 811/818 Training Room 620 Training Room G Room 800 Training Room D Training Room H	AREA WORKSHOPS Archives Corrections Communications Grapevine Intergroup/Central Office PI/CPC Treatment/Accessibilities	

## SUNDAY May 21, 2023

9:00 AM Auditorium	<b><u>AREA 16 BUSINESS MEETING</u></b>	*Translated in Spanish
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### CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER      Debi K., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Delegate's Sharing – Tracy M., Area 16 Delegate.
2. Recognize Past Area Officers
3. Approve Minutes from January 2023 Business Meeting
4. Report: 70<sup>th</sup> Prepaid Convention 2023-Augusta
5. Area Officer's reports (Alternate Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer)

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of bid for 72nd Prepaid Convention (2025)-Columbus
2. Vote on motion made in Sept 2023 – Clarification of GSR/Committee Chair Qualifications

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ad Hoc Committee Report on the motion made in January 2023- Clarification of Delegate Qualifications
2. Nominations for Delegate and Alternate Delegate
3. General Sharing
4. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer (Spanish & English)

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### PLEASE NOTE

**IN ORDER TO VOTE ON SUNDAY, A GSR MUST BE SIGNED IN FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING. (You may sign in at registration desk during the weekend, at the specified times.)**

Participation on Zoom is for observation/view only. All participation features (chat, reactions) will be disabled. GSRs will need to be present at the Area Business Meeting in order to vote on the motion and participate in nominations for Delegate/Alternate Delegate. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year DCMs will also need to be present to accept or decline nominations for Delegate/Alternate Delegate.

### **A Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united.  
For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

Gssa@2006

**\*Si desea que le traduzcan una sesión diferente, consulte los traductores**