



AA Area 73 District 11 Newsletter

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West Virginia – Wild, Wonderful, and Sober

Grapevine Corner

“Teamwork makes the dream work.” - John C. Maxwell

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” - Andrew Carnegie

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” - Henry Ford

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.” - Amy Poehler

Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to realize his true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too.
- Albert Schweitzer

It is FALL!!

This is such a lovey time of the year, especially October, (my birthday month) Stop it, Pat!

The October issue of Grapevine Magazine is titled “Operation Cooperation” and features stories from members who have gotten involved with CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) work. It is important for doctors, lawyers, judges, police and other professionals to know what AA is and how many people can and do use AA to get their lives back.

The featured stories this month are: “Operation Cooperation”; “Getting the word out”; “Cooperating with the courts”; “Stepping up and reaching out”; “Clearing the air”; and “No opinion”.

I think this issue of the magazine is interesting and informative. You may want to take a look at it.

To receive the Grapevine quote of the day, log on to www.aagrapevine.org and provide your email address at the end of the quote. Grapevine has started providing stories of the week in email which is another good reason to sign up. While on the website you can subscribe to The Grapevine magazine, order books, and play with the sobriety calculator among other things.

10th Step

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

10th Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

10th Concept

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

10th Promise

Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

10th Reward

A clean pattern of life instead of purposeless existence.

Please don't forget to read At Wit's End which is near the end of the magazine. Grapevine and La Vina now have apps. Check out the various ways you can obtain an app for your phone by going to www.aagrapevine.org.

It's also still Grapevine's 80th Anniversary...

*Also, every Monday is Grapevine's fun half-hour Grapevine Podcast. It features jokes, interviews, and member sharing at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast. You can also follow Grapevine on Instagram at: [alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv).

And finally!

- Once again we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice. - Dave Barry
- I walked into a bookstore and asked the clerk where the self-help section was. She said, "If I told you, that would defeat the purpose."
- If it weren't for the last minute, a lot of things wouldn't get done. - Michael S. Taylor
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. - Anonymous

10th TRADITION (LONG FORM)

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever

AREA INFO

1. Here's some info for those wishing to make financial contributions:
 - District 11
Make check payable to
District 11
PO Box 1831, Martinsburg WV 25402
 - Area Contribution:
Make check payable to
Area 73
PO Box 461, Morgantown WV 26507-0461
 - General Service Office contribution:
Make check payable to
GSO
Po Box 459, Grand Central Station. New York, NY 10163

DISTRICT 11 Anniversaries.....

We are asking all groups and individuals to send their Name, sobriety celebration date, years of sobriety and meeting they are celebrating at.

Send to Rusty.danstuxedo@hotmail.com. Put in the subject matter "**AA Anniversary**".

IN OTHER NEWS..... Since the monthly district meeting minutes are now being published on the website: <https://aawv11.org/> they will no longer be published here.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

1. FULL District Meeting minutes are now being posted monthly, and you can view them at <https://aawv11.org/>
2. Please note that if you'd like to view the monthly newsletter online, you can do so at <https://aawv11.org/>
3. And, if you'd like to have the newsletter delivered to your inbox every month, please send an email request to AAdistrict11@gmail.com

DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

District 11, meeting minutes from August 8, 2024 Snyders Bible Church 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Present were Bob D., Mark, Frederick, Linda, Makayla, Deb, Frank, and Marliene.

The District will no longer have a zoom available for this meeting.

Bob introduced Frederick who will be the GSR for the HOW group and Mark who will be the GSR for Behind the Star.

No DCM report. Just a reminder of the survey for area 73 that has to deal with service work. Bob will provide the link and will print out paper copies if needed.

Bob also explained how the District meeting operates.

Secretaries Report: Bob summarized the Secretaries report. The minutes of our July meeting are on the District website. www.aawv11.org. Also on the website is the newsletter, meeting schedule, and area events.

Frank motioned to accept the minutes, Linda 2nd. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

A detailed report was emailed to the DCM, Committee's and all GSR's

July 1, - July 31

Beginning balance \$4,670.66

Group Contributions:

HOW \$ 120.00

Scrabble

Total Deposit

July Expenses

Balance 7/31/24

Prudent reserve Available funds as of 7/31/24 Seed money

\$ 110.00 \$ 230.00 \$ -0- \$4,900.66 \$ 800.00 \$4,100.66 \$ 500.00

The year to date report was also emailed to the list of emails. Committee Reports:

A&T

Carrie is stepping down. Bob will step up and take this position until now and the end of this year. Bob will be meeting with Carrie to prepare a schedule for groups to commit to for 6 months or a year to cover meetings for Detox, the hospital, and Pyramid. The VA Center requires that you must be a veteran. GSR's are to ask their groups to take a commitment when the schedule becomes available.

P&I: Vance no report.

Activities: There is an interest in having a Halloween Party. We could combine a party with the HOW group meet and eating meeting in October, Frederick will check on the possibility.

Grapevine: The district has plenty to hand out to groups as needed.

Corrections: The Eastern Regional Jail is no longer taking applications for meetings to be held there.

Workshops: Paul H. and Brian T. will be conducting a workshop on the 12 concepts and possibly the 12 traditions sometime in October. This workshop will be hosted by the Marlow group.

Newsletter is available on the Website. Pam is doing a great Job.

Literature: The district will provide the Where and Whens. Marliene will check with Panhandle Printing for the cost breakdown of 100, 250, and 500 copies to be made. We will be sure to include all meetings. Need to add Sober Sisters, Tradition meeting and Design for living meeting.

Group Reports:

Eye Opener: Need chairpeople. Attendance is good. Signs have been put into place to not bring weapons in the building. We are reminding people of no crosstalk when someone is sharing. Picnic 9/21 at War Memorial Part 11-4.

HOW: Frederick reported. Great attendance, usually 25 and up to 45 people in a meeting. New homegroup members. We'll be hosting a fall chili eating meeting.

Berkeley Springs: Frank reported meeting attendance is still down. Still looking for speakers on Saturday 7:30pm.

EAWFOBW: Linda reported they get a lot of people from the day report center. Elders have stepped up to keep the meeting on topic. Things are getting back on track. Keeping people from loitering across the street and using the patio in the rear of the building.

G.O.D: Deb does not have anything to report this time. She is recovering from surgery. Deb will have a report for the next district meeting. Frederick who attends this meeting said the attendance is good. Still meeting outside.

Marlow: Frederick reported they just had a cookout meeting. Great attendance.

Behind the Star: Mark reported the attendance is between 2 and 8 people. Some new homegroup members that are taking service positions.

Sober Sisters: Linda reported that the group is going strong. Pyramid brings the women to the meeting every second or third week. Some of the women coming out of Pyramid have been coming to the meeting on a regular basis. 7pm Wednesday at 118 E. Martin. This is a step meeting. Going very well.

Old Business:

Share with your group about the upcoming elections for District Committees and other positions that will come available in January for a two year term. You don't need to be a GSR to chair a committee. Definitions of District Committee's are listed on the website.

Frank asked for an email to be sent regarding GSR participation at the District meetings.

Vance reported that the books that were given to the VA can not be found.

District 11 is hosting the spring assembly along with District 15. Both Districts are to put \$500.00 toward the assembly cost. We will reach out to the fall assembly host to get information on the cost and other information we may need. We will table this discussion until our next meeting.

New Business:

Linda proposed a retreat (AA Camp) Cacapon State park would be a perfect location to hold a weekend retreat for families and individuals. This would include workshops, meetings, social events, dinner, and free time. There would be workshops separate for men and women. The cost would be held to a minimum. Linda had an agenda for the weekend starting on Friday evening through Sunday morning. This event would be held in the following year or later. Linda will also look into other venues. Please take this information to your homegroup to see if there is an interest for this event.

Frederick reported on Matt Talbot is a men's retreat that is being held on September 27,28 and 29th. Registration is at Matttalbot116.com

Agenda for the next meeting

Budget Committee

Committee rotation for upcoming year Spring Assembly

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th, at 6:00pm at Snyders Bible Church.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda 2nd, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Contributions should be sent to District 11

Make payable to District 11 P.O. Box 1831

Martinsburg, WV 25402

Area Contributions: Make payable to Area 73 P.O. Box 461 Morgantown, WV 26507

G.S.O. Contributions Pay to GSO
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163

Coming Events & Announcements.....

Area Inventory Findings & Fun

Hosted By Area 73

When: November 2nd, 2024 @ 1pm

What: Discussion about

Area 73's inventory findings

Location: Quiet Dell United Methodist Church

96 Trinity RD, Mt Clare, WV 26408

What to Bring: As many alcoholics that your
vehicle fits

Sandwiches and cookies will be provided

If you haven't filled out
the survey yet, please
scan the QR code for
the opportunity to be
AWESOME!



Survey will close on
September 15th, 2024
Questions can be sent to
sobercat@comcast.net

For more detailed information on these events, please speak with your group's GSR.

District 11 Meetings On-line

According to the latest Where and When published June 2021, all groups are meeting in person or have a hybrid meeting format except for the following which are on-line.

Daily at 7:30am- Eye Opener Group Hybrid

<https://www.gotomeet.me/EyeOpenerGroup>

Dial in at [\(646\) 749-3122](tel:6467493122)

Access Code: 604-461-373

Daily at 5:30pm - Early After Work Friends of Bill W. Group

Zoom Meeting ID 671-314-2769

Password: 118

Daily at 7:00pm - Doomsdayers Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 942-899-066

Password 049396

Sundays at 2:00pm - Women On A Journey Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 274-008-239

Password: woaj

Wednesday at 7:00pm – Wednesday Night Men’s Group Hybrid

<https://www.gotomeet.me/EyeOpenerGroup>

Dial in: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:16467493122) Access Code 604-461-373

CALL FOR NEWSETTER CONTRIBUTIONS.....

Anyone wishing to submit an announcement, or story for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by emailing Pam W. at AAdistrict11@gmail.com

