



# AA Area 73 District 11 Newsletter

March 2025 Volume 122

West Virginia – Wild, Wonderful, and Sober

## Grapevine Corner

“Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts.” - Barbara Gittings

“Every single American — gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender — every single American deserves to be treated equally in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of our society. It’s a pretty simple proposition.” - Barack Obama

“You don’t have to be gay to be a supporter - you just have to be a human.” - Daniel Radcliffe

“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.” - Dr. Seuss

Grapevine Magazine is notable for publishing stories and information about alcoholics from every walk of life. This month the special section is devoted to our LGBTQ Alcoholic members. As individuals they are indeed from all walks of life and are indeed an integral part of Alcoholics Anonymous. The member stories are: “Welcome home, Mary”; “Close Encounter”; “Mem with the men?”; “Landon”; “Making it happen”; “A true pioneer”; and “Finding my place.” This month I have three favorite stories, so in my opinion the March Grapevine Magazine is well worth a thorough read.

To receive the Grapevine quote of the day, log on to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://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 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.

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](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Step

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition (short form)

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition (long form)

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.--the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives--with a traditional "Right of Decision."

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Promise

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reward

Courage instead of fear.

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And finally:

### **Headlines**

The following headlines were actually printed in newspapers. The irony in some of these are absolutely astonishing, hilariously funny (though sometimes awkward).

- Never Withhold Herpes Infection from Loved One
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
- Include Your Children when Baking Cookies
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
- Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case

There are more...next month.

Pat M.

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## ***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

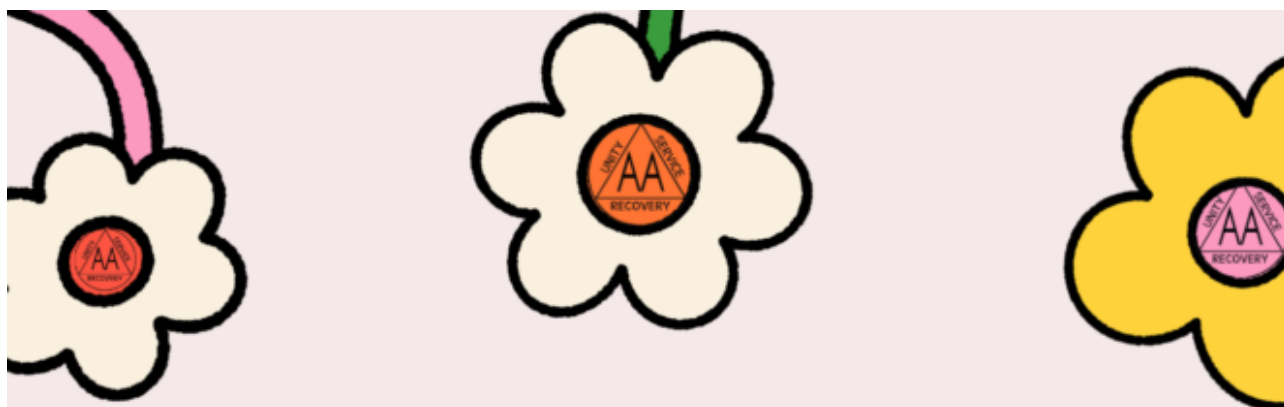
## **DISTRICT 11 Anniversaries.....**

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](mailto: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.





# Area 73 Spring Assembly

**March 21-23, 2025**

## **Location: Comfort Inn**

1872 Edwin Miller Blvd.  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

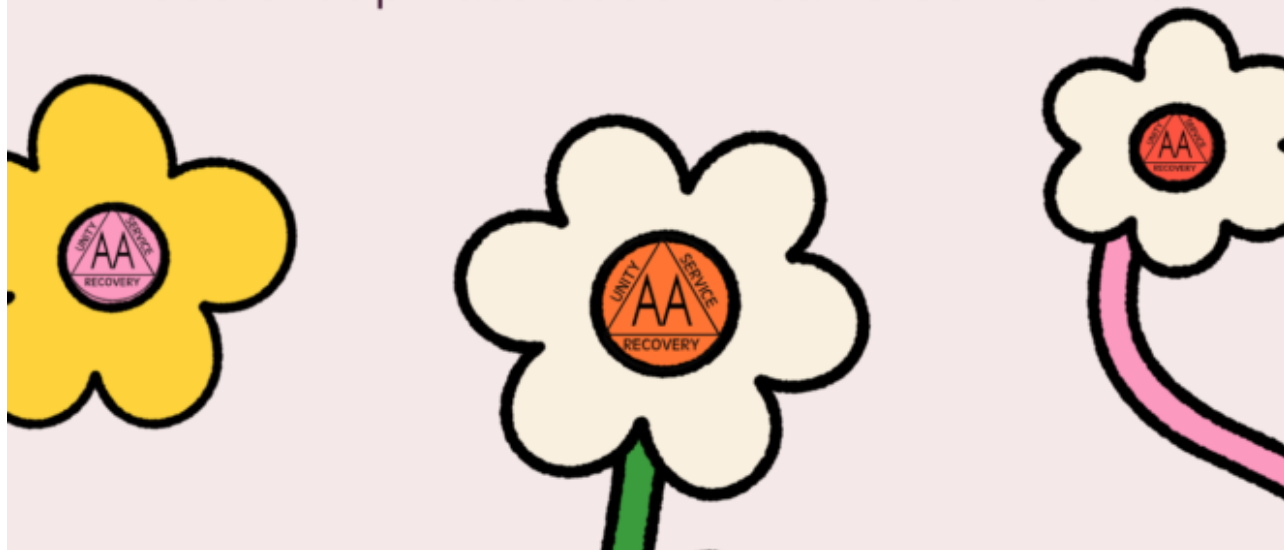
### **Reservations:**

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/CV95W7>

Deadline for \$89.00 + tax room rate is 3/1/25

Call: 304-263-6200

Use Group Rate Code: **Area 73 Conference**



VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE AREA 73

# SPRING ASSEMBLY

HOSTED BY DISTRICTS 11, 13, & 15

FRIDAY MARCH 21 - SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025

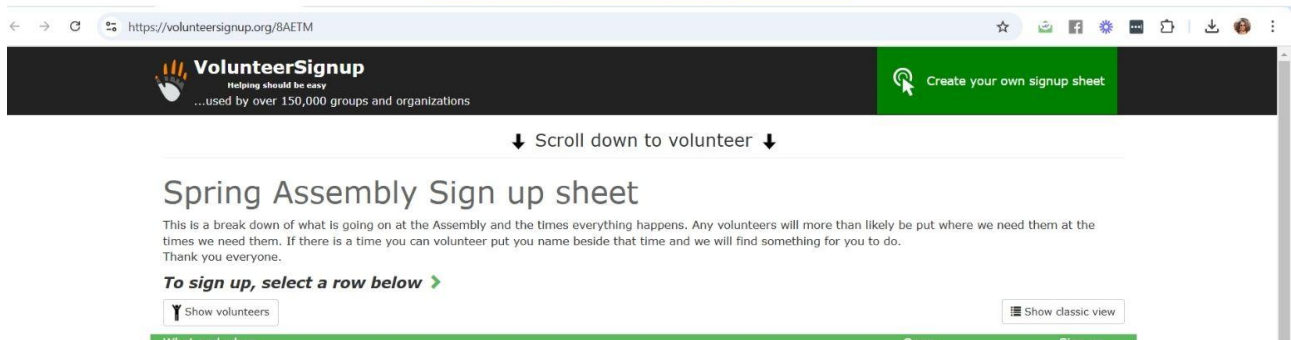
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IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS.  
CALL DANA KNOWLES  
DISTRICT 11 DCM  
304-676-2052

**July 25-27, 2025**  
**Friday - Sunday**

**Hotel Block:**

Delta Hotel  
800 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
Huntington, WV 25701  
304-523-8880



[Book Your Group/Corporate Rate |](#)  
[Marriott International](#)

Mountain Health Arena  
Conference Center

Huntington, WV

# Area 73 Convention

*“Progress,*  
not Perfection.”

**\$30 Registration**

Preferred: Mail check or money  
order payable to:

AA District 2

PO Box 341

Huntington, WV 25708

[2025area73convention@gmail.com](mailto:2025area73convention@gmail.com)

**2025 Convention Registration**



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# Three Legacy Learning Library

**MARCH .....**



## **Tradition (Short) Form**

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## **Tradition (Long) Form**

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## Tradition Inventory Checklist

**TRADITIONS CHECKLIST FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE** These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Practice These Principles....

*Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony? Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
4. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

**The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure as it emerged through A.A.'s early history and experience.**

### Concept (Short) Form

III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

### Concept (Long) Form

III. As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”



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## CONCEPTS CHECKLIST A service piece for home groups, districts, areas .

Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office. While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our co-founder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience. Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet. (The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

### Concept Inventory Checklist

Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision." • Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"? • Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

## **CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS.....**

Anyone wishing to submit an announcement, story, joke, or article for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by emailing Pam W. at [AAdistrict11@gmail.com](mailto:AAdistrict11@gmail.com)