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NECS Bulletin

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New Year, New Board

It's that time of year again! Your group's Central Service Reps will be electing 3 new Board Members and 3 Alternate Board Members at the Delegates Meeting on January 15th. Check with your CSR to make sure we have their contact information so they receive all the important information from us. If you are a CSR and haven't received an email about the upcoming meeting and nominees, please contact us by phone or email ASAP!

Board of Trustees

- ◆ Lee J.—President
- ◆ Marci M.—Vice President
- ◆ Judy M.—Treasurer
- ◆ Meegan M.—Secretary
- ◆ Paula S.—Alt. Treasurer
- ◆ Greg P.—Alt. Secretary
- ◆ Ryan F.—Board Member
- ◆ Josh A.—Board Member
- ◆ Lequita L.—Board Member
- ◆ Curt L.—1st Alternate
- ◆ Dee Wayne H.—2nd Alternate

HELP US HELP THE NEXT SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC

We need your help to keep our directory up to date! Please take a moment to check your group's information on our website, and contact us with any updates or corrections. We want to be sure that newcomers are getting accurate meeting information—showing up for your first meeting and finding nobody there is extremely disheartening—please help us prevent this situation! Even if you have updated your information with your DCM or Registrar, PLEASE double-check it on our website, as this is what is reflected in the Meeting Guide App.

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We Need Your Help!

We are in desperate need of volunteers, as well as to get our volunteer list up to date! Our volunteers are *vital* to the function of the office, and volunteer opportunities include:

- * Helping us verify our existing volunteer list (we are still in the process of doing this)
- * Taking 12-Step calls from struggling alcoholics
- * Taking the 24-Hour Hotline overnight/weekends/holidays (requires 2 years sobriety)
- * Speaking at other local groups/events
- * Answering Chat requests on our website (requires 6 months sobriety)
- * Helping out in the office—answering phones, pricing & stocking merchandise, light cleaning, etc.
- * Helping out at NECS events, such as the Chili Cookoff, Parking Lot Party, Soberfest, Open House, etc.

If you are interested in being of service, please fill out a volunteer form online <https://www.aaneok.org/members/online-forms/volunteer-form/> or stop by the office to fill one out in person!

IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP BEFORE BUT HAVEN'T HEARD FROM US IN A WHILE—OR IF YOUR INFORMATION HAS CHANGED—PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE FORM AGAIN!

A MESSAGE ABOUT THE UPCOMING

DISTRICT 30 CONFERENCE

Greetings!

There is a FREE winter conference being hosted by District 30! It's FREE for ALL to attend! We will be hosting a game night on Saturday night with a cornhole tournament. You can sign up using the link [HERE](#). We'll be playing in pairs with abridged rules so the games go faster. If you don't have a partner please still sign up and we'll match you with someone! There is also a rumor that there will be special trophies for the winners! We will also have tables setup if anyone would like to bring a board game to play as well.

Oh and District 40 has challenged District 30 so there will be a trophy for the winning District!

If you have any questions please contact me at stewart.stjohn1@gmail.com

Thank you!

-Stewart St. John

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

This is your newsletter, tell us what you want to see! Would you be interested in sharing your experience, strength, and hope with the fellowship? If we had monthly topics, would you be willing to send in a few paragraphs? Help us make this newsletter into something people look forward to reading each month! Send in your stories, ideas, or suggestions on what makes a great newsletter, and you might see it in an upcoming issue! If you have interesting or historical AA facts we'd love to hear those too! Email us at necs@aaneok.org

grateful

Thank you to all the groups that participated in Gratitude Month! It was requested that we publish a breakdown of how much each group contributed instead of just the total received, so here it is:

12&12 Group	\$54.25
Awakening Group NS	\$352.88
BA Action Group	\$411.04
BA Wisdom Group	\$117.10
Claremore Early Bird	\$8.00
Evening Sunrise	\$41.41
House on Jamestown	\$67.59
Miracles Group	\$141.00
Original Westside	\$46.35
South Bixby Group	\$51.55
Southside Traditions	\$60.46
Sunrise	\$95.00
Tulsa Group	\$171.00
Wagoner Big Book	\$39.00

Total Contributions: \$1658.63

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

Faithful Fivers are members who donate \$5 a month to Northeast Central Service as an act of gratitude. Please consider becoming a Faithful Fiver, and we will list your name in our monthly newsletter!

Birthday Contributions

Ross R.—34 years
Kim M.—16 years
Anonymous

Faithful Fivers

Jay M. Diana K.
Mark H. Marcia L.
Justin D. Betty M.
Bob G. Billy R.

In Memory Of

Fred S. (2020)—\$2180
Bob P. (Oil Capitol)—\$200

To view total contributions and a breakdown by each group, click here:

<https://aaneok.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-Contributions.pdf>

Example of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:

50% to Central Service

10% to District

10% to Area

30% to GSO

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Donations can be mailed to these addresses

(pre-addressed envelopes are available at the Office):

NECS	District 30	District 40	OK State	GSO *NEW ADDRESS*
4833 S Sheridan Suite 410 Tulsa, OK 74145	P.O. Box 14083 Tulsa, OK 74159	P.O. Box 701092 Tulsa, OK 74170	P.O. Box 18415 OKC, OK 73154	P.O. Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

NEW FROM AAWS & GRAPEVINE!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are starting to receive literature from AAWS that has been backordered for several months! We've already received the softcover As Bill Sees It, a couple cases of hardcover Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, and we just received 20 of the large print As Bill Sees It (with more on the way)!

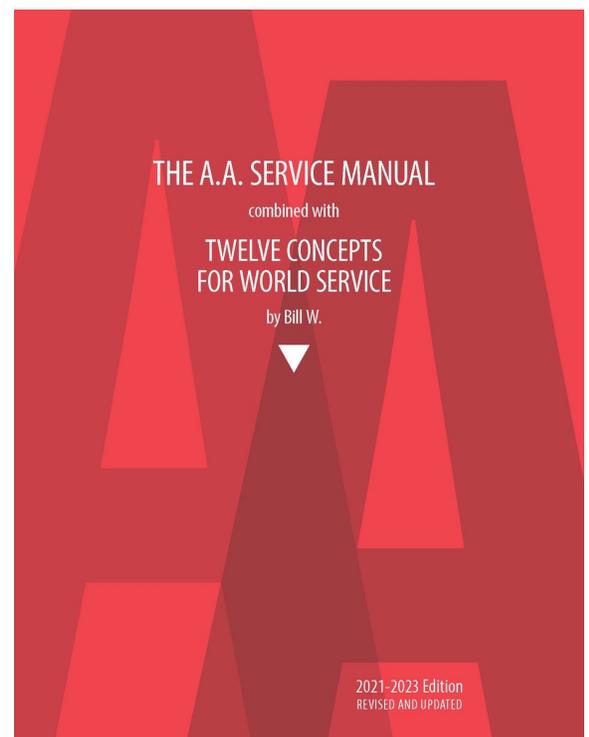
However, we're now seeing more backorders from other vendors, so please bear with us, as many popular titles may not be available for some time.

NEW GRAPEVINE PODCAST! The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour. Featuring AA members Don and Sam. Starting on October 4, 2021 with a new episode each Monday.

Each week Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode.

To hear the podcasts go to aagrapevine.org/podcast

The new 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manuals are finally here! Only the large print size is currently available. \$5 each



OKLAHOMA GRATITUDE PLAN

Started in Oklahoma, stays in Oklahoma and used to benefit all 12th step work in the State of Oklahoma.

HOW THE OKLAHOMA GRATITUDE PLAN WORKS:

On your A.A. birthday (or that of a friend) you send the Oklahoma State Office \$1.00 (suggested) for each year of sobriety. Although it is your own expression of gratitude for each year of sobriety, your group can also benefit by posting your group number either on the envelope or on your check.

Sounds simple, IT IS. It also came about in just as simple a process. In 1990, the State Office started receiving some inquiries about making birthday contributions to the state as well as to the national office. In addition there were some contributions received at the State Office earmarked as a "Birthday contribution". Thus the idea was started.

REMEMBER

The Gratitude Plan is for everyone ... active newer members filled with gratitude at the miracle of sobriety, and Old Timers who may be less active, but still want to help carry the message.

Participation in the Gratitude Plan is a privilege. Only by staying sober do we earn the right to have a part in it.

NOVEMBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH. Did you send in your contribution on your last A.A. birthday? If not, send it today.

Have questions? Email the Gratitude Committee Chair: gratitude@aaoklahoma.org

OKLAHOMA STATE GRATITUDE PLAN

Please make checks payable to: "Oklahoma State Committee" (3 ways to use this envelope)

1) **Individual Gratitude Contribution:**
This is my personal contribution in the amount of \$ _____ showing my gratitude for my _____ year(s) or my _____ month(s) of sobriety.
My Name _____ My Sobriety Date (Optional) _____ District (if known) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
My E-mail address (optional) _____
My Home Group _____ Group's Service ID No. (optional) _____

SUGGESTED INDIV. GRATITUDE CONTRIBUTION: \$1.00 for each year of sobriety

2) **Group Contribution:**
Group Name _____ Group Service ID No. (optional) _____
This is a group contribution of \$ _____ District _____ Area 57

3) This is a **Memorial Contribution** in remembrance of _____ in the amount of \$ _____

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