



# DISTRICT 81

## JULY 2026

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### STEP 7:

"Humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings."

### TRADITION 7:

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

### CONCEPT 7:

"The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness."

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**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help;  
I want the hand of AA always to be there.  
And for THAT: I am responsible.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**July 1: District 81 meeting** - 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque, 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568 (1st Wednesday)

**July 5: Happy Hour speaker meeting** - 6:30 pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (1st Sunday)

**July 5: Newsletter Committee meeting** - 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

**July 8: Accessibility Committee meeting** - 6:30pm online via Google Meet  
<https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

**July 8: Correctional Facilities meeting** - 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

**July 11: Live at 5 speaker meeting** - 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

**July 15: Website Committee meeting** - 6pm online; send email to [john.a@aa-seta.org](mailto:john.a@aa-seta.org) to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Wednesday)

**July 15: Literature Committee meeting** - 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Wednesday)  
<https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

**July 15: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting** - 7:00pm at the Bay Area Club RM E & F 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 and via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935 (3rd Wednesday)

**July 16: Grapevine Committee meeting** - 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Thursday)

**July 19: Archives Committee meeting** - 1:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Sunday)

**July 20: Workshop Committee meeting** - 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Monday)

**July 29: Finance & Budget meeting** - 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (last Wednesday)

**July 30: PI/CPC Committee meeting** - 6:30pm via Zoom meeting ID 868-5564-9879; PW 06101935 (last Thursday)

**July 24-26: 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State AA Convention:** 815 Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76102 The Hilton Ft Worth; see flyer!

**October 9-11: SWRAASA** - Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston 100 Convention Center Way, Baytown, TX 77520

**October 30-Nov 1: TXSCYPAA 45 Convention:** "The Acid Test" Hilton Austin Southpark Hotel

**January 8-10, 2027: 64th Annual SETA Convention** - South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX 77573 (See flyer on next page for QR code link to pre-registration)



# Hill Country Roundup

50  
YEARS

## The Broad Highway

August 21-23, 2026 ♦ Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX

Started in 1975, this year's Roundup marks the 50th anniversary of a time-honored event...

For 50 years, the Roundup has provided a place for folks in recovery to fellowship, reconnect, listen to speakers, and enjoy food and fun. This year we will have four raffles, with fabulous prizes and many wonderful items to bid on for our Silent Auction. We will also be offering 4 workshops to choose from!

### Book Reservation at Inn of the Hills



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1001 Junction Hwy  
Kerrville, TX 78028

Ask for Hill Country  
Roundup Rates before  
July 26, 2026!

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Serenity L.L. - Voice of the Conference  
Jesh B. - AA Speaker  
Julie C. - AA Speaker  
Stephanie B. - Al-Anon Speaker  
Ren T. - AA Speaker  
Dwayne B. - IIA Speaker



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# SWRAASA

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026  
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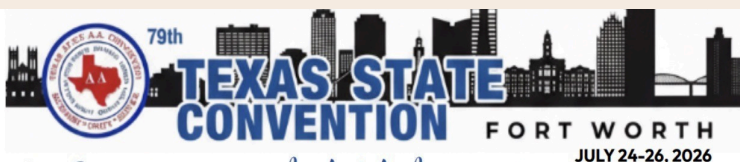
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## REGISTER

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| AL-ANON REGISTRATION QTY              | @ \$30 EA = \$ | TOTAL |
| ALATEEN REGISTRATION QTY              | @ \$5 EA = \$  | TOTAL |
| BANQUET DINNER QTY                    | @ \$40 EA = \$ | TOTAL |
| AL-ANON LUNCHEON QTY                  | @ \$40 EA = \$ | TOTAL |
| SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (\$5 INCREMENTS) | \$             | TOTAL |
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
TEXAS STATE CONVENTION OF AA  
PO BOX 150145  
FORT WORTH, TX 76108

BANQUET SPACE IS LIMITED TO 250 GUESTS

PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THEIR BADGES, LUNCHEON TICKETS, BANQUET TICKETS & PROGRAMS WAITING AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

BADGES REQUIRED FOR ALL FUNCTIONS; SPANISH TRANSLATION, ASL INTERPRETER, ARCHIVES, SPEAKER CDS/DIGITAL COPIES AVAILABLE; ALL MEETINGS ARE NON-SMOKING, HOSPITALITY ROOM CLOSED DURING ALL SPEAKER MEETINGS.

79th TRANSITION STATEMENT: ONE OF THE MOST COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS OF THESE GATHERINGS IS THAT THEY ARE AA MEETINGS, AND THAT SINCE "THERE ARE NO DUES OR FEES FOR AN MEMBERSHIP," THERE SHOULD BE NO FEES TO ATTEND CONVENTIONS OR SPECIAL EVENTS, BUT REGULAR MEETINGS. THEY REQUIRE MONTHS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION AND MONEY TO PRESENT. THIS CONVENTION IS SELF-SUPPORTING. THE COST OF THE CONVENTION IS PAID THROUGH REGISTRATION FEES, AND AS RESPONSIBLE AA MEMBERS WE MUST PAY OUR OWN MEMBERSHIP. THERE SHOULD BE NO FEES TO ATTEND CONVENTIONS OR SPECIAL EVENTS, BUT REGULAR MEETINGS. THEY REQUIRE MONTHS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION AND MONEY TO PRESENT. THIS CONVENTION IS SELF-SUPPORTING. THE COST OF THE CONVENTION IS PAID THROUGH REGISTRATION FEES, AND AS RESPONSIBLE AA MEMBERS WE MUST PAY OUR OWN MEMBERSHIP.

## SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JULY 24

2:00 PM REGISTRATION OPENS  
5:00 PM HOSPITALITY OPENS  
6:00 PM LONG TIMERS MEETING  
7:30 PM AA SPEAKER JOHN A., RENO, NV  
9:00 PM ALATEEN MEETING  
9:00 PM YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING  
10:00 PM YOUNG PEOPLE NIGHT

SATURDAY JULY 25

7:00 AM HOSPITALITY OPENS  
8:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS  
9:30 AM AA SPEAKER ANDY D., NORMAN, OK  
11:00 AM AL-ANON SPEAKER ANGIE B., DESTIN, FL  
12:15 PM AL-ANON LUNCHEON  
12:15 PM ALATEEN SPKR MARLEY B., PORT O'CONNOR, TX  
2:00 PM TEXAS AREA DELEGATES  
3:30 PM GSO SPEAKER IRENE D., NYC, NY  
3:30 PM AL-ANON WORKSHOP KAY M., HURST, TX  
4:30 PM BREAK  
5:00 PM HISTORY OF TEXAS AA GREG L., DALLAS, TX  
5:30 PM BANQUET DINNER  
7:30 PM AA SPEAKER CARLA R., TULJUNGA, CA  
9:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT  
10:00 PM ALATEEN GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY JULY 26

9:30 AM AA SPEAKER MIKE S., RIVERSIDE, CA  
\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## HOTEL INFO

HILTON FORT WORTH  
815 MAIN ST. FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102  
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GROUP RATE DISCOUNT IS \$149/ROOM  
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CONVENTION OF AA

## 64th Annual SETA Convention

# United in Service. United in Recovery

January 8 - 10, 2027

At South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center  
2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX

### Featured Speakers:

Stephanie B. — Oklahoma  
Karl M. — California  
Billie R. — Oklahoma  
Eileen A. — GSO  
Al Anon and CFC speakers

### Register Online



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# PRACTICING TRADITION 7 IN ALL MY AFFAIRS

When most of us think about Tradition 7, we think of the basket being passed around the meeting room, putting a few dollars in to support our group expenses and supporting AA as a whole to carry the message. We think about not taking money from outside entities and being “fully self supporting!”

But what about Tradition 7 in my own affairs? What does that look like and how do I take action so that I to can become fully supporting in my own life? Some people would say, “Get a job!” Well, I’ve had a job my entire time in AA, but I still wasn’t practicing this tradition. I’d live beyond my means. I’d lean on the comfort that if I fell financially because of irresponsible spending, that I could reach out to people close to me (family or friends) to bail me out. I found myself taking advantage of the people that cared about me to continue irresponsible financial behavior. The selfishness of this behavior if not changed would ultimately lead me back to a drink or cause very serious problems in my relationships if not changed.

I do not want my relationships burdened by financial worries like, “when is he going to pay me back?” or “I can’t tell them I’m taking a trip when I still owe them money.”

I also need to practice this Tradition in how I “give” to others as well. I loaned/gave money to a friend years ago in AA. Unbeknownst to me, he had been in full relapse. I wasn’t worried about him paying me back. So what’s the problem? He eventually came back into the rooms, and every time I saw him he brought up the money. Even though I told him don’t worry about it, he would avoid me and not want to talk. The money had changed the relationship. What I thought was an unselfish act of helping others caused more harm than good. I have since learned that the best policy for me is to not give at all or do it through an anonymous means so as not to damage the relationship.

So today, when practicing Tradition 7 in my everyday affairs, I live within my means. I think about having a “prudent reserve” is (also known as savings) so I won’t be a burden or worry to those that love and care about me. I don’t hide or tiptoe away from trips I want to go on or purchases I want to make. It’s been a learning and growing process. and It’s just one more principle that when practiced gives me freedom to be closer to my God and my fellows.

“Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune...”  
And today, through the practice of Tradition 7, I get to call the tune.

— Danny G., Keep On Steppin’



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The logo features the words "happy" and "hour" in a stylized, lowercase, orange font. The text is set against a light orange rectangular background, which is itself placed on a larger orange geometric shape that forms part of the poster's border.

THE HAPPY HOUR GROUP  
SPEAKER MEETING  
ANNOUNCES THE  
JULY 3RD, 2026  
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

CARLEY W.  
SOBRIETY DATE  
6/28/2022

MEETING ADDRESS:  
BAY AREA CLUB  
2111 WEBSTER ST.  
LEAGUE CITY TX 77573

# THE MOST IMPORTANT BUM FROM ST. LOUIS

The human fascination with men and women enduring and overcoming physical setbacks, enemies both real and perceived (be they internal or external), or some interminable existential crisis, has been central to storytelling from time immemorial. The ability of a protagonist to persevere and continue to fight the proverbial good fight has inspired, instructed, and healed listeners and readers for millennia. These stories are central to the building blocks of culture, to life.

If you need proof of this formulaic in our program, simply look at Chapter One in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, "Bill's Story".<sup>1</sup> Man encounters setbacks, deadly disease, and has lost all hope in things human to fix his problem. Yet he survives to spawn a global movement, spiritual in nature, which saves millions from the same fate. Pretty effective thus far. In my direct experience, alcoholics are storytellers by nature. I think of what my dearly departed Great-Grandsponsor would say, "we heal through our stories." My witness to events has led me to note that we AAs seek sponsors who possess the capability to show how they have fought and won; despite possessing all of the human frailties so natural to us all.

Considering the effect of the stories we know (and have been taught) over time, one notices how the characters are venerated. Odysseus is a Greek hero whose story is studied thousands of years later; Joan of Arc beat all odds and led an Army during the Hundred Years War, becoming no less than a saint; Siddhartha Gautama influences millions to this day having ventured away from the life of a prince to become the itinerant Buddha. Now think of the many heroes that remain unnamed or unknown...

Our program readily acknowledges that we place Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith on Alcoholics Anonymous' version of Mt. Rushmore. The names of Ebby Thatcher, Rowland Hazard and maybe even that of AA number 3, Bill Dotson are somewhat well known. You may find members of Alcoholics Anonymous that speak the phrase "the first one hundred"(referring to the initial "one hundred men and women who have recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body")<sup>2</sup> with a manner of respect and awe that it somehow brings to mind the image of the settlers of a brave new space frontier.

We know the names of other contributors that deserve our admiration. Obviously, we are aware of Lois Wilson. While not an alcoholic, there is no doubt that she does not get the credit she deserves, and she should be on that mountain with Bill and Dr. Bob. The great Dr. William D. Silkworth, though not an alcoholic, has essentially been canonized by all in our fellowship. This man of science had the humility to admit that nothing medicine had come up with could compete with the apparent "remedy"<sup>3</sup> presented by Alcoholics Anonymous. But there is one name, one critical person in our history, that is often lost.

If I were to walk up to a fellow in our program with 90 days of recovery under their belt, or possibly even 6 months, and ask, "please tell me what you know about Ed Dowling" ...well, I might as well have asked them to hand over the answer Einstein was pursuing in a Unified Field Theory. Old Ed just doesn't seem to be discussed much anymore, and that strikes me as particularly odd. I say it's odd because Bill Wilson could not overstate Dowling's importance to him—and he tried. Dowling even has something published in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

You simply might not have read it.

I suspect that, over the years, several reasons account for this now somewhat unrecognizable character. Our program is **VERY** clear that we are "not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution"<sup>4</sup> (according to the AA .PDF statement, we are not aligned with the Oxford comma either, but I digress). A concern of being aligned with Dowling's organization might be a nonstarter for our members today. Thus, he is never awarded the credit he deeply deserves. This again strikes me as odd because our founder seemed to find a work around, and Bill was most certainly not affiliated with Dowling's group.

Another potential reason is that we believe a healthy fear that "protects" a new drunk has struck our hearts. In so much that we do not want to frighten away the newcomer, we worry about acknowledging the role a person with this job played as a critical force in what has become the Alcoholics Anonymous that we know today. This might make sense if we demanded that people follow, join, or do anything. However, we go so far as to beg the newcomer to develop their own conception of God, or Higher Power if you prefer. This might be more palatable if, as a sentiment, it didn't lack the love and tolerance I was told to practice (and at which I fail spectacularly and often).

These reasons and more have possibly done a disservice to our fellowship. Tragically, it appears that we are losing the memory of an exceptional man. I mentioned that Wilson deeply valued Dowling's company. He valued it so much that correspondence between the two men has been captured in a book called, "The Soul of Sponsorship". I am not sure about you, but that has the ring of an important relationship. Considering that it involves one of the founders of the program that saved my life, it might at least be worthy of investigating; yet we back away because...

You see, Ed Dowling was Father Ed Dowling a Jesuit priest. Yeah, I know that I just lost many of you. Please push through the "contempt prior to investigation". While not an alcoholic, Dowling had a deep problem in his life during a very formative period. Just the sort of existential issue I mentioned earlier. As Dowling entered seminary, he was in the midst of a struggle with his own faith. This was a struggle that was deeply complex. Neither simple nor easy. The very thing that would be the most important thing in heart, mind and soul for a man of his profession was the very same thing that had provided him discomfort as he entered the priesthood. He initially suffered intense bouts of self-doubt and deep fear regarding his calling (that seems bad if you are to become a priest), he did not play well within the boundaries of the rules of his order (a problem that might have centered in his mind), and this pursuit of whatever he thought heaven might be ended with a descent into his personal version of Dante's Inferno.<sup>5</sup>

The meeting that brought Dowling and Wilson together was not a beautifully arranged get together where two giants welcomed each other. On November 4, 1940, Bill and Lois Wilson were essentially out of financial resources and rented the second-floor apartment above the 24<sup>th</sup> Street A.A. Club in New York, NY (334 ½ West 24<sup>th</sup> Street).<sup>6,7</sup> At some point between a dreary mid to late November and early December 1940 Father Ed Dowling turned up around 10pm to meet Mr. Bill Wilson. Father Ed was clearly highly regarded as the maintenance man that called to Bill then introduced the priest as "some bum from St. Louis".<sup>8</sup>

Apparently, Dowling had taken a friend with a drinking problem to an AA meeting and was blindsided by what he saw as an incredible likeness between the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and a particular Spiritual Discipline of the Jesuit Order (specifically, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius).<sup>9</sup> It was something of which he could not let go and he felt compelled to meet Wilson.

On that cold, rainy night of their first encounter, Bill immediately took a liking to the Jesuit. It was mutual. As he heard Father Ed speak, Wilson felt a kindred spirit on a level that was remarkable for having been an unplanned crossing of spiritual streams.<sup>10</sup> This initial get together was so powerful for Bill Wilson that he remarked later that he believed he had finally taken a real fifth step that night with a man he had met just hours earlier.<sup>11</sup>

As time would pass, Bill Wilson would continue to write. In later correspondence he shared, "Through the years I have found in Father Ed [Dowling] much of the grace and understanding by which I can now grow, if only a little at a time. He is the finest living example of spirituality that I happen to know. He has often set my feet back on the path when otherwise I might have gone off on an indefinite dry bender. ***It is characteristic that he has never, in all these years, asked me to join his church.***"<sup>12</sup>

Bill Wilson would come to rely on Ed Dowling's counsel in what Father Ed saw as the next right thing as Bill would try to navigate the governance of the national organization, in dealing with the Board of Trustees, and throughout his own maintenance of his spiritual condition. On the night of their introductory meeting, just like any whining sponsee seeking validation, Wilson had asked Father Ed if there would ever be a feeling of satisfaction, that the work he has conducting would be done. Just like a good sponsor, Dowling said "Never. Never any."<sup>13</sup> Father Ed would speak more to Bill about the idea of "divine dissatisfaction"<sup>14</sup> and somehow this lit the fire of perseverance within Bill.

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The friendship between Ed and Bill lasted from the end of 1940 to Father Ed's death on April 3, 1960. Almost 20 years. In the June 1960 edition of the Grapevine, Bill Wilson penned his farewell to his friend. In this celebration of Father Ed's giving life, Bill expressed his belief that, "This was one of the most gentle souls and finest friends we AAs may ever know. He left a heritage of inspiration and grace which will be with us always."<sup>15</sup>

If you've stuck with me, and were previously unfamiliar with Ed Dowling, I hope that you might possess a better understanding of his critical importance to Alcoholics Anonymous. If your prior concerns matched one of those I outlined earlier, I specifically

emboldened, italicized, and underlined one of the things that Wilson said for you. Father Ed clearly knew that this program was not a farm system to bring anyone to the big leagues of his particular brand of spirituality, so to speak. No, it's readily apparent that Father Ed simply wished to see, feel, and serve the movement of Alcoholics Anonymous in a way that could broaden access to spirituality for those in need. Dowling saw a vehicle to bring hope to those who sought "to find a Power greater than yourself which will solve your problem"<sup>16</sup> and to be there for those that found their initial belief system somehow lacking; just as he did at one time.

If in some small way this encourages someone, anyone, to want to learn more about Father Ed Dowling I have made a start with my intent. I truly hope our fellowship does not completely lose his name to history. He likely wouldn't mind, but I certainly would. I am living proof of our program's third pertinent idea. Dowling's seeking led him to Alcoholics Anonymous even though he did not have the same disease that I do. Strange how that popular "Something" we hear so much about works. I am eternally grateful for the time that Edward Patrick Dowling spent with William Griffith Wilson.

I would like to leave you with one last quote from Father Ed from an Alcoholics Anonymous talk he gave in 1944. I think it will be relatable to many...

***"I am not utterly unacquainted with atheism. I know and respect agnosticism, and I have been a bedfellow of spiritual confusion."***<sup>17</sup>

— Donny H., Happy Hour Group

#### Notes:

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY PUZZLE

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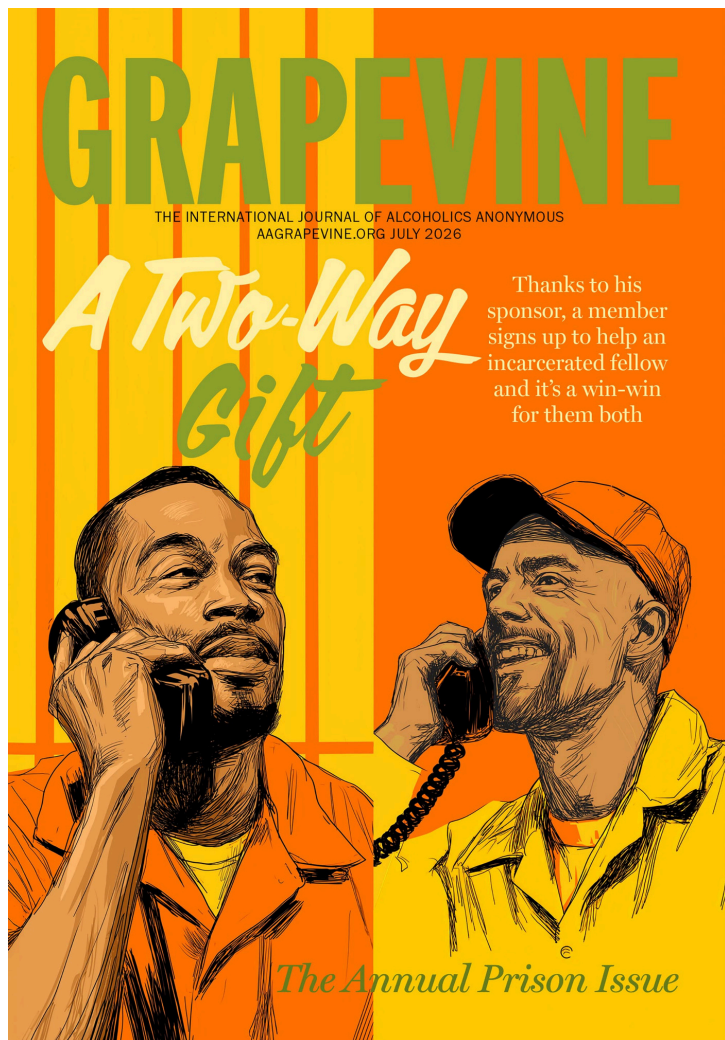
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| D81 Budget Summary                 |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Opening Checkbook Balance          | \$ 10,904.24  |
| Group Contributions                | \$ 961.58     |
| Other Contributions                |               |
| Less Expenses                      | \$ 555.26     |
| Net Income                         | \$ 406.32     |
| Ending Checkbook Balance           | \$ 11,310.56  |
| Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds    | \$ (2,000.00) |
| Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit) | \$ (8,797.51) |
| Available Funds                    | \$ 513.05     |