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2020 CLUB CRAWL

Join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday March 21, 2020

For just \$5 you too can visit each clubhouse in the Chattanooga Area, meet some new people, have some delicious food, hear a speaker, and enjoy some music.



CLUB CRAWL



Tickets \$5.00

Suggested Contribution

March 21st, 2020

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Fund Raiser to Support Chattanooga Central Office

All you can eat all day for \$5.00 with lots of Fellowship

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Breakfast	8:00am-9:30am	ODAAT Club (Broad Street SW. Cleveland, TN)
Snacks	10:00am-11:30am	Central Office (5611 Ringgold Road, Suite 130. East Ridge, TN)
Lunch	1:00pm-2:00pm	Downtown Fellowship (245 East 11 th St., Chattanooga, TN)
Appetizers	2:30pm-3:30pm	East Brainerd Club (8115 East Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga, TN)
Soup/Salad	4:00pm-5:00pm	New Way Club (1918 Union Ave., Chattanooga, TN)
Dinner	5:30pm-7:00pm	Hixson Serenity Club (5695 Middle Valley Rd., Hixson, TN)
Desserts	7:30pm-8:00pm	Suburban Club (2002 East Main St., Chattanooga, TN)
Speaker	8:00pm-9:00pm	Suburban Club (2002 East Main St., Chattanooga, TN)
Lip Sync/Music	9:30pm-11:30pm	Suburban Club (2002 East Main St., Chattanooga, TN)

Take the opportunity to buy extra tickets for those in need

Scholarship Tickets are Available (Call Central Office 423-499-6033)

Flyer and Schedule can be found on the intergroup website www.chattanooga-aa.com

Please submit your stories to the editor at GratitudeTimes@hotmail.com. Deadline is the 26th of the month

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	District	Feb-20	YTD
Early Bird Men's Men	83	\$300.00	\$300.00
Together We Can Group	7	\$25.00	\$25.00
Turning Point	7	\$75.00	\$75.00
Total		\$400.00	\$2,349.08
INCOME		Feb-20	YTD
7th Tradition Contribution Intergroup		\$11.00	\$24.00
Group Contributions		\$400.00	\$2,349.08
Individual Contributions		\$30.69	\$188.70
Sales		\$1,399.27	\$3,233.40
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,840.96	\$5,795.18
EXPENSE	PURPOSE	Feb-20	YTD
AA World Services	Literature	\$1,050.80	\$1,050.80
Bright Star	Medallions	\$570.10	\$570.10
C&A Properties	Rent	\$550.00	\$1,100.00
Chattanooga Gas	Gas	\$163.22	\$304.39
Crystal Springs	Water for Office	\$12.73	\$25.46
Dependable Security Systems	Alarm system	\$17.00	\$34.00
Eagle Digital	Maintenance	\$63.48	\$63.48
EPB	Electric/internet/phone	\$199.70	\$399.50
LookOut Pest Control	Pest Control	\$35.00	\$70.00
Payroll Expense	Office Manager	\$775.74	\$1,551.48
Suburban Club	Intergroup Mgt	\$20.00	\$40.00
Various Vendors (Costco, Staples, etc)	Office Supplies	\$17.88	\$93.92
TOTAL EXPENSE		3,475.65	\$6,441.80
INCOME VERSUS EXPENSES		-1,634.69	-\$646.62
PRUDENT RESERVE		Feb-20	YTD
6 months expenses	Needed	\$ 21,000.00	\$21,000.00
Amount over Prudent Reserve	Excess	0.00	\$0.00
Amount under Prudent Reserve	Shortfall	-12,365.44	-\$12,365.44
CHECKING ACCOUNT		Feb-20	YTD
Beginning Balance	Starting Balance	\$10,269.25	\$9,281.18
INCOME		\$1,840.96	\$5,795.18
EXPENSES		\$3,475.65	\$6,441.80
Ending Balance	Account Balance	\$8,634.56	\$8,634.56

Chattanooga Central Office is a 501 (c)3 Charitable Organization

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CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS/EVENTS

Central Office/Intergroup Board Meeting

The second Monday of the month

At the Suburban Club

2002 W. Main Street

Next meeting **Mar 9.**

All are welcome to attend

CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD

6:00 PM

DCM's are your voting members!

INTERGROUP BOARD

7:00 PM

Group and District Intergroup representatives are voting members

INTERGROUP NEWS/EVENTS

(sponsored by the Groups & Districts serviced by Central Office)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Intergroup Events Committee needs members from each district to help plan the fellowship events. Currently this includes the Club Crawl (March), Founders Day Picnic (June), and the Creepy Crawl (Oct). Contact Central Office for meeting days and time.

Greater Chattanooga A.A. Corrections Committee Meetings

Second Sunday of the Month

2:00PM at Hixson Serenity Club
5695 Middle Valley Road, Hixson, TN

To become involved with one of the Standing Committees, contact your DCM or Central Office for ways to volunteer.

- Archives
- Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)
- Corrections
- Grapevine / La Vina
- Public Information (PI)
- Treatment

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CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

- FOOD
 - SPEAKER
 - VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS
- CONTACT: GREG G.
(224) 651-7501

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH
1:30-5 • HIXSON SERENITY CLUB

"NOTHING WILL SO MUCH INSURE IMMUNITY FROM DRINKING AS INTENSIVE WORK WITH OTHER ALCOHOLICS." (P.89)

INTERGROUP CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Saturday March 7, 2020

1:30 PM – 5 PM

Hixson Serenity Club

Food

Speakers

Volunteer Applications

DISTRICT & GROUP HAPPENINGS

If you would like to have your group, district or intergroup activity listed in the Gratitude Times, please send information to the editor at gratitudetimes@hotmail.com by the 26th of the previous month

District Meeting & DCM info

District 7: Bryan C Mar 26

Meets at 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday.

District 15A: Stewart S Mar 1/ Apr 5

Meets 1st Sunday at 9:00 AM at Hamilton Hospital

District 80: Tony Mar 1/ Apr 1

Meets First Wednesday at 7:00 PM at New Way Club

District 81: Rick P. Mar 30

Meets Last Monday at 7:30 PM at Hixon Serenity Club

District 82: Vacant

Meets 3rd Saturday at 6:30 PM at Downtown Fellowship Club

District 83: Linda W. Mar 16

Meets 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM at Suburban Club

District 84: Carol H. Mar 19

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM at East Brainerd Club.

A Day in the Steps

Join us for a day dedicated to the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are grateful to have people willing to share their experience, strength and hope on each of the steps. A free lunch of soup, salad, and dessert will be provided to attendees.

This event will be held March 28, from 9 AM until 5 PM, at the Suburban Club, 2002 East Main Street, Chattanooga, Tn 37404. For more info, call Linda W. at 712-898-9075

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Send your meeting's speaker information to gratitudetimes@hotmail.com

Sponsorship Group Speakers

Suburban Club

Saturday @8:00pm

(Speakers are NOT set in stone, and are subject to change)

3/7 – Jim H.

3/14 – Chuck D.

3/21 Kathryn L. [Knoxville]

3/28 – Leo D.

Chair: Karen B.

The Sponsorship Group is looking for chairperson each month. If you would like to chair a month, contact Tom H. 423-490-5724.

Last Saturday is Birthday Nite.

Desserts @7:30, Speaker @8:00

East Ridge Serenity Group

Speaker Meeting

Where: Suburban Club

When: Sunday Night

Time: 8PM

3/1- Jim S

3/8- Bob B.

3/15- Charlotte D.

3/22- Brenda T.

3/29- Marion C.

Vision For You

HIXSON SERENITY CLUB

FRIDAY – 8 PM

FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME –

Come Early & Stay Late

High Nooners

Speaker Meeting and Birthday Celebration is the last Friday of each month East Brainerd Club@ Noon

1515 Group Speakers

Suburban Club

Friday @8:00pm

How they did it! One Day at a Time

Happy Hour

SUPER SUNDAYSPEAKER MEETING

Where: Downtown Fellowship Club

When: Sunday At 5:15 PM

“What we used to be like, what happened and what we are like now.”

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MEETING UPDATES

The Thursday night 7:30 PM meeting at Ooltewah United Methodist Church as part of ABC Group has been discontinued due to lack of support.

AREA 64 EVENTS



'Our Great Responsibility'

Area 64

Q2 Area Assembly
Hosted by Memphis Area Districts

April 3rd-5th, 2020

Crown Plaza East Memphis
2625 Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Memphis, TN 38118
901-362-6200

\$109/night
Group Code: AAA

*Free Parking
*Hotel Cut-off Date to Register with Group Code: 3/15/20

For any questions, please contact Kim M. at 901-461-8990

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Step 3

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

Tradition 3

- The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept 3

- 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."

OTHER / HAPPENINGS

Serenity in the Scenic City
planning committee meets the
3rd Sunday of every month at
6:15 PM at the Suburban Club
2002 East Main Street,
Chattanooga, TN

Event sponsored by SSC Committee

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACTS

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Chair:	Scott H.
Vice-Chair:	Bryan C.
Treasurer:	Gus S.
Secretary:	Myra W.
At Large:	Carol H.
At Large:	TBD
Office Manager:	Christy L.

Your Central Office is open from
9AM – 5PM Monday – Friday and
9AM – 1PM Saturday.

Stop by for your personal or group
supply needs.

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GratitudeTimes@hotmail.com. Paper
copies are still available for \$10/year
through the address on the cover
page of this newsletter.

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

“The paradox of A.A. is that the financial independence and the support of our Fellowship by alcoholics and alcoholics alone not only enhances A.A.s importance to each of us, but stimulates our engagement in our own recovery...A.A. is ‘our thing’ from our groups treasury to the balance sheet at the General Service Office.”

Samples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities



10% to district
10% to area committee
30% to G.S.O.
50% to intergroup or central office

OR

If you have no intergroup/central office.



40% to district
30% to area
30% to G.S.O.

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If you need a sober ear, feel free to call the
central office.
The phone is answered 24/7 by a recovering
alcoholic who may be able to help.
(423) 499-6003

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IS IT TIME TO RENEW???

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