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# Syracuse Meeting Times: Digital edition

## **JUNE 2024 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRAPEVINE!**

It's amazing that 80 years have passed since six "ink-stained wretches" started this wonderful, vital AA Twelfth Step tool. And oh, how we've grown, with a terrific new app, a fun weekly podcast, Instagram, YouTube and a library of helpful books carrying the AA message to millions of alcoholics around the globe!

To celebrate this historic occasion, this month we are featuring stories by members about how much Grapevine has meant to them. In the story "Come for the Ride!" a member shares her love for Grapevine and her wish to keep it going. In "Saved in Honduras," a nursing student finds herself far away in tequila hell and tells how Grapevine came to the rescue. In "Hooked," a woman isn't ready to stop drinking, until one day, someone hands her a Grapevine. And a huge Grapevine fan celebrates with his delightful, humorous article "80 Reasons I Love Grapevine."

Help us celebrate our 80th anniversary and spread the word about the new Grapevine and La Viña apps! They have many cool features to help your sobriety. They are free to download and only \$2.99 (USD) a month to subscribe—that's less than a cup of coffee! Don't worry, our beloved print magazines are here to stay. Want to help an alcoholic in need? Join our 2024 "Carry the Message" program. We have a long list of incarcerated members in need of Grapevines. Get your groups, districts and areas involved! Visit [aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message](http://aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message).

To see our beautiful brand-new Step book, visit [aagrapevine.org/books](http://aagrapevine.org/books). And join us every Monday on our lively AA Grapevine Podcast! Look for it wherever you get your podcasts. Follow us on Instagram at: [alcoholicsanonymous\\_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv). And as always, please keep those great stories, letters and jokes coming!

Help us celebrate Grapevine's 80th and have a beautiful, sober June!

# **AA** GRAPEVINE

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fellowship,

The Editor

Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes  
May 9th, 2024

Tom H opened the meeting at 5:38 PM.

**Present:** Josh C, Sally C, Tanya G, Tim G, Tom H, Brandy C, Tom K

**Last Month's Minutes:** The committee reviewed April 2024 minutes. Sally made a motion to approve, Tim seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Tom K presented the unreconciled financial report:

**Current Month:** Checking and savings accounts are reconciled – total cash as of 4.30.24 is \$71,884 net of \$384 of sales tax leaves \$79,500 of available cash at 4.30.24. Monthly revenues were \$6,798 (up from last month, trending downward for the year) and monthly expenses were \$13,459 (double the normal monthly expenditures, trending moderately upward if adjust for inventory purchased) resulting in a net loss of (\$6,661) Contributions were \$3,305 (trending downward for the year) and literature sales were \$2,713 (trending upward from the Roundup). The was also \$700 of miscellaneous Roundup revenues.

**Year to Date:** As of April 30th, 2024, with the year 33.33% complete, total revenues are \$32,732 which is 38.93% of the budgeted amount. Total contributions are at 37.78% of the budgeted amount, group contributions are at 37.06% of the budgeted amount and individual contributions are at 114.43% of the budgeted amount. Literature sales are at 41.00% of the budgeted amount – all revenue sources are running above the budgeted amounts. The year-to-date expenses are \$34,869, which is 41.47%, significantly more than budgeted amount. If the inventory purchased is adjusted for the year-to-date expenses are 34.77% of the budgeted amount. The year-to-date net loss is income is (\$2,137) vs the year-to-date net loss of (\$542) as of 4.30.23.

**Comparison Year to Date April 2024 vs April 2023:** The year-to-date revenues are up 12.48% as compared to last year - \$32,732 vs. \$29,100. The year-to-date expenses are up 17.63% as compared to last year - \$34,869 vs. \$29,642. If the inventory purchased is adjusted for the April 2024 to date expenses are up 6.13% over April 2023.

**Service Center:** April Office Statistics:

- 129 total calls (down 7% from March)
- 105 total office visits (down 3% from March)
- 167 email responses (up 64% from March)
- Total of 1,403 contacts in the first four months of 2024, compared to 1,677 for the same time period in 2023 (difference of -16%)

**Intergroup:** Brandy summarized the April Intergroup meeting: Corrections: 2 men and 2 women are bringing meetings into Onondaga County Justice Center weekly. Treatment: Weekly meetings are still happening at Helio in Liverpool. Intergroup Picnic is May 19<sup>th</sup> at Pratts Falls. Old Business, Tanya G appointed as new office manager. No New Business. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

**Old Business:** Liability insurance was renewed by Sally for NYS Fair on 5/10/24.

**New Business:** The Steering Committee service rotation schedule was discussed, so that vacancies can be filled in a timely manner when they occur.

**New Business:** The Steering Committee had a unanimous vote to adjust the Service Center Manager work schedule. Decision was made for Tanya to work Monday-Thursday (4 days a week instead of 3.) Fridays will remain with another service center employee.

Tim made a motion to close, which was seconded by Tom H; meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Service Center. All are welcome!

**In Service:** Becky, James, Tanya and Sally

Syracuse Intergroup Minutes

May 15th, 2024

Intergroup Chair : Brandy C... opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer at 6:02PM.

Intergroup Secretary: Andrew M. read the 12 Traditions.

New intergroup representatives: Josh H. New Freedom Group

GSR/Intergroup Liaison: Christina N.

Monthly Reports:

**Financial Report: Frank V.**

**District / Area:** N/A No Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

**Corrections: Jeff S** No Report

**Treatment: Andy C** No Report

**PI / CPC: Phil L** No Report

**Technology: Josh C** No Report

**Literature: (Robert C)** No Report

**Picnic: (Stacey H.)** No Report

**Grapevine: (Lance C.)** No Report

**Picnic: Stacey H.** No Report

**Archives: Ben B.** No Report

**Steering Committee Report: Sally C** Tanya G. reported that the Steering Committee met on May 9, 2024 at 5:38 pm, Sally, Brandy, Tim, Thomas, Tom, Josh and herself were present. Last month's minutes were approved by Sally and Tim. Tom K. presented the unreconciled financial report. The Service Center reports calls and office visits are down from March but email responses have increased. Brandy C. reported on Intergroup, old business included NYS fair liability insurance renewal. New business determined a unanimous vote for an update to the office manager schedule and the meeting closed at 6:19 pm.

**Ad hoc committee(s):** N/A

**Eligible Votes: 13**

**Approval of Prior Month's Minutes:** Motion by Sally C. Second by Tim G.

Unanimous consent to approve

Old Business:

State Fair volunteer days are filled except for two days, there is a flyer out there with a QR code to scan.

New Business:

Julie C. was appointed to the Steering Committee by Brandy C.

Motion to Close:

Tim G motion to close Joe T second unanimously approved

Meeting ended with the Declaration of Unity at 6:23 PM

# Syracuse Intergroup Officers, Standing Committee Chairs & Steering Committee

| <b><u>2024 Intergroup Servants</u></b> |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| <b>Position</b>                        | <b>Name</b>         | <b>E-Mail</b>  |
| Chairperson                            | <b>Brandy C.</b>    | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Vice-Chairperson                       | <b>Jason D.</b>     | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.vicechair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.vicechair@gmail.com</a>           |
| Financial Chair                        | <b>Frank V.</b>     | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.financialchair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.financialchair@gmail.com</a> |
| Recording Secretary                    | <b>Andrew M.</b>    | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.secretary@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.secretary@gmail.com</a>           |
| Treatment Chair                        | <b>Andy C.</b>      | <a href="mailto:syr.treatment.chair@gmail.com">syr.treatment.chair@gmail.com</a>                     |
| P.I./C.P.C. Chair *                    | <b>Phil L.</b>      | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.picpc@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.picpc@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Corrections Chair                      | <b>Jeff S.</b>      | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.corrections@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.corrections@gmail.com</a>       |
| Grapevine Chair                        | <b>Lance C.</b>     | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.grapevine@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.grapevine@gmail.com</a>           |
| Literature Chair                       | <b>Robert C.</b>    | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com</a>         |
| Web / Technology Chair                 | <b>Josh C.</b>      | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.tech@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.tech@gmail.com</a>                     |
| District / Area 47 Liaison             | <b>Christina N.</b> | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.districtarea@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.districtarea@gmail.com</a>     |
| Picnic Chair                           | <b>Stacey H.</b>    | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.picnic@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.picnic@gmail.com</a>                 |
| Archive Chair                          | <b>Ben B.</b>       | <a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.archive@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.archive@gmail.com</a>               |

\* *PI / CPC Chair = Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair*

| <b>2024 Steering Committee Member</b> | <b>Intergroup Officer Position</b> | <b>Paid Position</b> | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tom H</b>                          | No                                 | No                   | 12/31/2024          |
| <b>Tim G</b>                          | No                                 | No                   | 12/31/2023          |
| <b>Frank V</b>                        | Yes – Financial Chair              | No                   | 12/31/2025          |
| <b>Josh C</b>                         | Yes – Technology Chair             | No                   | 12/31/2025          |
| <b>Tanya G.</b>                       | No                                 | Yes                  | Non-rotating        |
| <b>Tom K (Accountant)</b>             | No                                 | Yes                  | Non-rotating        |

# Syracuse Meeting Times Announcements

PLEASE SEE [AASYRACUSE.ORG](http://AASYRACUSE.ORG) OR THE **MEETING GUIDE APP** FOR THE MOST CURRENT LISTING OF MEETINGS AND THEIR STATUS (IN PERSON, ONLINE/ZOOM).

Please use the online “Request Schedule Update” form on our website ([www.aasyracuse.org](http://www.aasyracuse.org)) to submit any changes to the status of your group/meeting, so we can ensure we’re providing accurate information to our fellowship. We sincerely appreciate your help.

## New Meetings:

- Thursday: **Locke In Between Group**, 8:00 PM, Milan Baptist Church, Rt. 38 Main St. Locke, NY 13092
- Monday: **Camden Knuckleheads**, 8:00 PM, Camden Methodist Church, 132 Main St. Camden NY
- Tuesday: **Tuesday Night Mexico Meeting**, 8:00 PM; First United Methodist Church, 5307 Church St. Mexico, NY 13114; O
- Sunday: **12 ½ Group**, 3:00 PM; St Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall (Unicorn Room behind church), 12 ½ Madison St, Hamilton 13346; O, as of March 3, 2024
- Monday: **Serenity Village**, 7:00 PM; Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 400 W Yates St, East Syracuse 13057 (parking lot on East Ave); C
- Thursday: **New Freedom**, 7:30 PM; Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 400 W Yates St, E Syracuse 13057; C
- Saturday: **Tool Box Group**, 6:30 PM, Vineyard Church, 99 Wall St, Auburn 13021 is adding another day, Saturday at 6:30 PM. Closed discussion meeting; Open speaker meeting 3rd Saturday of the month.

## Meeting Changes:

- Monday through Friday: **Jump the Gun**, 3:45 PM, Fellowship Hall, 135 Walter Ave. Syracuse, NY 13206 has changed from a Closed meeting to an Open meeting.
- Sunday: **Cicero Swamp**, 7:00 PM, back in session after a winter hiatus.
- Sunday: **Onondaga Park Group**, 9:00 AM, usually held at Ukrainian National Home has moved to a park for the summer, 101 Arlington Ave., Syracuse, NY 13207. Bring a chair or blanket, walk 100ft into the park and meet at the picnic table, if raining meet at pavilion.
- Sunday: **New Beginning**, 8:00 PM PM, King of Kings Lutheran Church, 8278 Oswego Rd, Liverpool 13090 is a Big Book meeting.
- Wednesday: **Tool Box Group**, 5:30 PM, Vineyard Church, 99 Wall St, Auburn 13021 is now a Women’s open discussion meeting.
- Thursday: **Primary Purpose**, 7:30 PM has moved to Immanuel United Methodist Church, 303 Kasson Rd, Camillus 13031
- Friday: **As Bill Sees It**, 7:30 PM; Oran Community Church 8560, Cazenovia Rd, Manlius 13104: last Friday of the month is now an Open meeting.
- Saturday: **Thunderbird Group**, 9:00 AM; Onondaga Nation United Methodist Church, 3286 Rte 11A, Nedrow 13120 is reactivated and currently meeting.

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## No Longer Meeting:

- Saturday: Just Sobriety, 7:30 PM, Christ United Methodist Church, 36 Church St. Moravia, NY 13117 **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Friday: **Tool Box Group**, 5:30 PM, Vineyard Church, 99 Wall St, Auburn 13021 **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Tuesday: **District 360**, 6:45 PM PM; Vineyard Church, 99 Wall St, Auburn 13021 **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Saturday: **Tool Box Group**, 6:30 PM PM; Vineyard Church, 99 Wall St, Auburn 13021 **NO LONGER MEETS**

## Other:

- Download the **free Meeting Guide app** from the App Store or Google Play to your smart phone or tablet, and our meeting schedule will always be as close as your mobile device.
- The Service Center is seeking Spanish-speaking and other bilingual members of AA for our 12 Step call list. If interested, please call 315-463-5011 or stop by the Service Center to pick up a 12 Step Call Sign Up Form.

**Is your group looking for a new home? See below for more Information...**

- ☼ **Park Central Presbyterian Church** is looking for an **already established group** wanting to move their meeting location to its church.

This is **NOT FOR ANY newly formed group / meeting, or persons wanting to start a group / meeting.**

Contact **Brian C.**, 315-303-0649 (Pioneer Group member)

Location: Park Central Presbyterian Church @ 504 E. Fayette, Syracuse, 13202

Available meeting time(s):

One or more days, Monday - Friday between 8am-5pm, *preferably @ 12:00 noon.*

Free 25 space parking lot and free on-street parking. Seating capacity is 30-40, kitchen privileges, handicap accessible.

The **Syracuse Intergroup** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

***All A.A. members are welcome to attend.***

**2513 James St., Syracuse, 13206**

***Next intergroup meeting is on Wednesday, June 19th - 2024, @ 6PM***

## **Attention!**

Individual members of A.A. may make charitable contributions up to \$5,000 per year, payable to "Syracuse Intergroup, Inc." **All contributions are tax deductible under Federal Code 501(c)(3).**

**You can now donate directly online. Go to: <https://www.aasyracuse.org/>**

***We will provide you with a letter of receipt for the I.R.S.***

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*Best Wishes and Happy (Real) Retirement to Sally!*



As you know by now the Syracuse AA Service Center has a new Office Manager and we, (The Steering Committee), couldn't let Sally retire quietly.

As A.A.ers we also don't pass up an opportunity to have cake!

This wasn't the first time Sally has retired. Before she came to the Service Center, Sally had a long successful career with Onondaga County. It wasn't until she gave almost 8 years of dedication and professionalism to the Service Center that she decided it was time to go full time just living life.

Although, she has still come by to plant and tend to the flowers out front on James Street.

Thank you for everything Sally, we wish you the very best!

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Doug Sullivan Memorial Service Center Open



Saturday, July 20, 2024  
8:30 AM Shotgun Start  
Vesper Hills Golf Club, Tully NY  
Captain and Crew

\$110 per person: \$440 per team  
\*Must be registered and paid by Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>\*  
Includes: coffee, donuts, golf w/cart, lunch and buffet dinner

**100% of the proceeds go to the AA Service Center**

Raffles! Gift Baskets! 50/50! Fellowship! Fun!

Registration between 7:00 AM and 8:15 AM  
Make checks payable to and send to:  
**Paul Cayen**, 116 Oswego St, Apt 7, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Cash, Baskets and Prize donations are greatly appreciated

Name

Phone Number

1. Captain \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact: Paul Cayen 315-480-9045 [pcayen1@yahoo.com](mailto:pcayen1@yahoo.com)

Directions from Syracuse: Take Rt. 81S to Tully exit. Turn left at stop sign; turn right onto Rt 80. Go 7 miles and turn left onto Octagon Rd. The golf course is about 1 mile on the right.