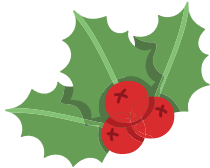


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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO MSCA 09!

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.



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- Dec 3.....[7th Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop](#)
- Dec 11.....[Area Service Committee \(ASC\)](#)
- Dec 15.....[MSCA Area 09 Service Workshop](#)
- Dec 17.....[34th Annual Heritage Day](#)

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**District 15**

## AA Service Manual



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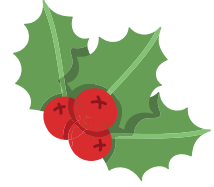


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IT'S ALL ABOUT SERVICE!  
**SERVATHON**  
20 OF 22

GRAB YOUR DATE  
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GREAT GATSBY THEME  
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**SATURDAY NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 12TH  
6:00PM - 9:00PM**

- MUSIC
- DRINKS
- SPEAKER
- GAMES
- FREE DINNER

**LOCATION**  
1025 N Vine Ave.  
Ontario, CA 91762

Small text: Servathon would be the same without our Ladies & Family. We hope you can come. We will have translations available.

RSVP by October 1st  
Alex W. (951) 654-3149  
Email Cindy - cindy@msca09.org

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MEMBERS & FRIENDS



When I say "Serva!" you say "Thon!" "Serva! Thon!" "Serva! Thon!" "Serva! Thon!" And so the MSCA 09 Servathon on November 12, 2022 began in Ontario, CA with a cheer. Dressed as feathered flappers, vested newsboys, and even gangsters, the room was at near-capacity to enjoy an evening getting to know our committees, hearing messages on General Service, sharing a pasta dinner, shaking our booties to the blues, winning raffle prizes, and experiencing a unique Servathon to remember!

Following an opportunity to meet with six Standing Committee chairs, there was a dinner of salad, ziti, and garlic bread with a mocktail bar in the corner. Mitchell B., our Panel 72 delegate, then shared the Area Highlights that are published in the Final Conference Report (see link on page 7), Area 05 delegate-elect Doug S. shared about General Service in English, and Area 93 alternate delegate Rudy M shared about General Service in Spanish, which demonstrated the importance of translating our messages among non-bilingual members.

The entertainment for the night was provided by the "Roaring Blues Trudgers," featuring Rich W. on lead guitar, Jerry S. on bass, and Jay on rhythm guitar. Guest, Sara J. belted out a number of songs while the dance floor filled and bodies got busy wiggling. Great sober fun!





## Tis the Season to be Jolly - By Area 09 Grapevine Chair



Whether you love the holidays or intensely dislike them, they are here! I've been working on not using the word "hate" for a long time. Ever since recoiling from hearing my little children say, "I hate this, I hate that." "I hate green beans!" That seems a bit harsh for green beans! Tis the season to be jolly! Yikes, seems like I'm already putting on the "jolly!" Do I really need to do extra jolly from Oct 31st to Jan 2nd? What an order, I can't go through with it! To quote a service sponsor, "Create the fellowship you crave!" So, let's create the holiday we crave!

When I was new, it was hard explaining to my family that I would be in marathon meetings from October to January, but they were so grateful that I was sober, they objected little. Questions abounded: What do I want? What can my life look like? What can my recovery look like? And how can it be a part of my life?

I recall the year with no Christmas tree, feeling overwhelmed, with a toddler, a newborn, and everything it took to stay sober. So, off we'd go to Frank and Susan's home (not their real names), recovery friends who invited alcoholics into their home for an evening of food, fun, and sometimes tears for those we'd lost over the past year. Our three-year-old was able to experience a tree with a gift or two for him. I was able to relax and enjoy their efforts to stay sober, and help others do the same during the Holiday season, but most valuable to me, love and a sober family!

Getting back to love and hate, I've been in a quandary lately as I hear newcomers say, "I love this meeting! I just love A.A.!" Don't get me wrong, I'm so grateful that A.A. was right where I could find it when my Higher Power, the Spirit of the Universe, got my attention. And I'm grateful A.A. is there for others. But love?

I think it's a bit of a love/hate relationship like with the holidays and getting jolly. Seems like my Higher Power has been revealing to me lately that love and hate convey actions like a fellow home group member driving that homeless, toothless, often a bit smelly fellow A.A. to the shelter in the opposite direction of their own home. Or a willingness to meet the transgendered woman to work the Steps before the meeting, even though the group secretary told me, "You must tell him that he may not attend the women's meeting." Thank goodness I took my sponsor's advice when I asked if I really needed to tell her she could not come to the women's meeting. I'm so glad my sponsor's Higher Power gave her the words, "You tell those ladies that if they have a problem, confront her themselves and leave you out of it!" What a freedom that was for me, and guess what? The chance to work the Steps with someone and watch the lights come on in her eyes was exactly what my recovery needed at the time. It kept me far from the first drink.

Years later, I can really feel a love for my Higher Power and the lessons that I was present enough to see. This, to me, is an example of God's love in action. So, this season, this holiday, live your big messy incredible lives – you can either make them your own, or you can make them helpful, beautiful, and incredible for someone else – for your Home Group or your District or Area by giving your hands, feet, minds, and presence. In other words, give your love!





## What's New in A.A.?

1. Our Hispanic members have until December 31, 2022 to submit stories for the 4th Edition of the Big Book
2. Here is a Corrections Activity Update from our General Service Office (GSO).
3. Your New Box 4-5-9 is Now Available!
4. Be a Part of Grapevine Audio Project



**The Meeting Guide App**

The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

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**Have you subscribed to the free Meeting Guide App on your smart phone? It tells you when and where the next meeting is throughout Canada and the U.S. It's essential for the traveling alcoholics this Holiday Season!**





## What's New in A.A.?

Announcing: Hardcover Jacketless Format  
Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions



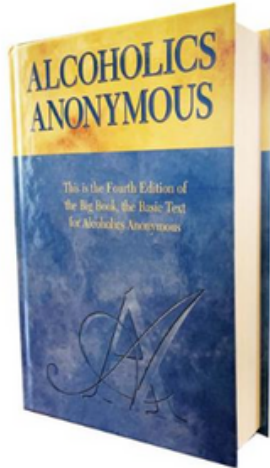
October 15, 2022

Dear A.A. Friends,

We are delighted to announce a new hardcover format of our most popular books:

- A new jacketless format of the hardcover Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Item B-1)
- A new jacketless format of the hardcover *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* (Item B-2)

These new formats will become available for ordering in late November 2022.



## An historical note from the G.S.O. Archives

This is not the first instance that printing supplies have necessitated adapting the format of the Big Book. During World War II, to conform with directives from the U.S. government to all publishers to decrease paper consumption in their publications, the Big Book's trim size was reduced in 1945. Samples of this "wartime Big Book" edition are on display at the G.S.O. Archives in New York City.

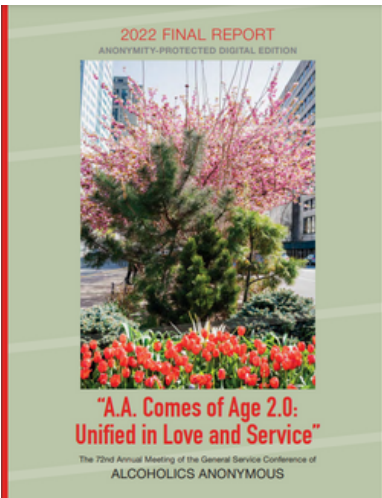
With this jacketless adaptation of our hardcovers, starting with our beloved "bestsellers" the hardcover Big Book and hardcover Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, we in A.A. are once again showing great resilience in the face of obstacles posed by world events!

As always, we encourage ordering the Big Book and all of our items of literature from local distribution sources—groups, districts, areas, Intergroups and Central Offices—as they play a vital role in local Twelfth Step activities.

For questions, comments and sharing on this topic, please email us at [publishingnews@aa.org](mailto:publishingnews@aa.org).



# The Final Conference Report of Panel 72 is here!



To Area 09 Members, from Mitchell B, Panel 72 Delegate:

"The 72nd General Service Conference (Anonymity-Protected) in English, Spanish (and French) was distributed on August 31. I have sent Faith the files to add to the Area 09 website. Print copies will be shipped in mid-October for the version with full names. I estimated the number of printed versions in March 2022. If more copies are needed there is the option for the area to print copies." Hard copies expected in October!

[Panel 72, 2022, Final Conference Report - English](#)

[Panel 72, 2022, Final Conference Report - Spanish](#)

## Area 09 Newsletter Resurrected!

As made available by Mitchell B (past Archivist) at this link ([Access MSCA 09 Archives](#)), our first English Newsletter was in November 1976 and our first Spanish Newsletter was in November 1982 (although it was still written in Spanish). These two Newsletters are available at the following links:

[MSCA 09 English Newsletter, November 1976](#)

[MSCA 09 Spanish Newsletter, November 1982](#)

Past MSCA 09 Newsletters are available at this link: [MSCA 09 newsletters](#)

This is YOUR Newsletter, and we sincerely want to populate it with your thoughts, editorials, images, and shared memories. So please reach out to the current editor (Ed L) and share your materials at [editor@msca09aa.org](mailto:editor@msca09aa.org). According to the Communications Committee Guidelines, these are the types of things we are looking for:

1. Local AA news and information about groups and committees;
2. Reprinted material from AA literature;
3. Sharing of experience in recovery, unity, and service;
4. Information pertaining to Area actions, finances, and meetings;
5. Information regarding AA service, events, and announcements (In keeping with A.A.'s Tradition of non-affiliation, no events exclusively planned as fundraising events will be listed in the Newsletter)

