

GAL-AA

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Summer in Sobriety

Greetings, fellow AA'ers! Summer is in full swing and who doesn't love this time of year? It's time to enjoy a great BBQ, pool party, float trip, or a great evening of fellowship. But let's not forget the newcomer. For those of us getting sober this time of year can be quite difficult. The temptation to drink is everywhere. When the sun is shining and the weather is warm, people are outside enjoying alcohol everywhere, it seems. And not to forget we just celebrated Pride Month. Many people are starting to trickle into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and it is our responsibility to guide these folks through sobriety in summer. "We are not a glum lot!" Let us show these newcomers we can have as much fun in sobriety, if not more, than when we were drinking. Get involved in service work and invite the new folks to fellowship, grab some coffee, an evening around a campfire or whatever your group does for fun. Show them how this program works, if you work it. One day at a time.

2020 Detroit International Committee Update:

The Detroit GaL-AA 2020 committee hosted our first fundraiser, a dinner party at Martin Mc.'s home, where we raised \$1200! Martin made his mother's famous chicken recipe, Randall R. used his managerial experience to keep us running smoothly; and I did a pretty good job of getting beverage and dessert orders correct as I served our guests.

Details will be forthcoming about our next fundraiser event, and you will be able to find those details and much more on our GaL-AA 2020 website! Look for more information in the next newsletter about the website address, how to sign up to volunteer in the GaL-AA hospitality suite or at the dance, and how we will be bringing the conference theme, Love and Tolerance is Our Code, to life in 2020.

—Megan M. and Martin Mc.

Statement of Inclusion

GaL-AA (Gays and Lesbians in AA) was established to serve and have the involvement of lesbians, gay men, and others in Alcoholics Anonymous, regardless of how they choose to identify themselves. In selecting the name, careful consideration was given to a variety of combinations. While the name only directly reflects gays and lesbians, we embrace all LGBT+ members of the AA fellowship.

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“How dark it is before the dawn! In reality that was the beginning of my last debauch. I was soon to be catapulted into what I like to call the fourth dimension of existence. I was to know happiness, peace, and usefulness, in a way of life that is incredibly more wonderful as time passes.” Bill W.

Dear GaL-AA Members and Groups:

We are kicking off our fundraising campaign to cover expenses for the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous (July 2-5, 2020) in Detroit, Michigan. GaL-AA will be hosting a hospitality suite, meetings and a dance at a Detroit hotel near the convention. This is one of our larger undertakings as a special composition group within Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are thankful for the support we have received from LGBT+ groups and members over the years and accept contributions only from within the fellowship, following AA's 7th Tradition.

Many groups have made us a part of their regular contribution allocations in the service structure along with central office/intergroup and local AA committees. Your contributions help support our continuing operations. For the next two years we hope you consider increasing your allocation to GaL-AA, or if your group doesn't regularly contribute to GaL-AA, consider us a separate service organization within the AA fellowship in the disbursement of excess funds available for distribution.

Any allocation is always a decision for the collective members of your group (please consider the typical allocation with GaL-AA as an AA service entity) with percentages determined by your group:

___% GaL-AA

___% to area committee

___% to G.S.O.

___% to intergroup or central office

___% to district

Our contribution link is: <http://gal-aa.org/donate/>

Our mailing address is:

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Visit the GaL-AA website for information about our purpose, operations, group meetings and roundups, newsletters, our finances and our activities for the upcoming International Convention.

Sober & Out

In keeping with our mission to support LGBT+ in AA, we will supply the book Sober & Out (LGBT stories from the AA Grapevine) to Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) groups upon request to Jim A.:

jim@gal-aa.org

Newsletter Contributors

We need your help! Are you interested in contributing to the quarterly newsletter? Do you have any AA-related news from your area you would like to share with others within the GaL-AA community? Do you have ideas and suggestions in improving our communications with this rest of the community? Then, please let us know today!

We're looking for other LGBT+ editorial contributors from around the US or abroad that would be interested in helping us compile important news to share with the AA community. **Personal stories are always welcomed.**

For more information or if you have questions, please email: Eric W.: eric@gal-aa.org

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March 2018—May 2018 Contributions

| Group/Individual | Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Bell Book and Candle, Clinton, WA | 80.00 |
| Darhl C., Vienna, OH | 50.00 |
| Detroit TWC March 2018 Round-Up | 145.00 |
| E. K., San Francisco, CA | 25.00 |
| Early Start Fri. 6 pm, San Francisco, CA | 94.49 |
| Ed P., Newton, MA | 54.00 |
| Free 2 Be, Naples, FL | 20.75 |
| G&L AA, Des Moines, IA | 25.00 |
| G.A.Y.S., Clearwater, FL | 50.00 |
| GALIS, Winchester, MA | 76.00 |
| Good Shepherd, North Quincy, MA | 30.00 |
| Lambda Galveston Group, Galveston, TX | 29.00 |
| Lambda Group of AA, Dallas, TX | 45.00 |
| Lambda Group, Raleigh, NC | 125.78 |
| Live & Let Live AA, St. Paul, MN | 31.47 |
| Lunch Bunch Groups, Portland, OR | 50.00 |
| Mike N., Marion, WI | 100.00 |
| New Jersey Roundup, Upper Montclair, NJ | 100.00 |
| Primary Purpose, Columbia, SC | 121.95 |
| Rose City Men's Group, Portland, OR | 9.67 |
| SEMRO 2018 February Round-Up | 100.00 |
| Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition, Palm Springs, CA | 55.00 |
| Thomas D., Bear Creek, NC | 36.00 |
| Walter W., Shenandoah, VA | 75.00 |
| Total | 1,529.11 |

Thank you for your continued support of the 7th Tradition!

Contribute to GaL-AA

We heard your voice and have made available two alternate ways to send your contribution. You can go to the web or download the mobile apps for each of Venmo or Square Cash:

Venmo: venmo.com/GaLAAContribution **Square Cash:** [cash.me/\\$GaLAAContribution](https://cash.me/$GaLAAContribution)

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The Steps...

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Tradition 8: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but out service centers may employ special workers.

Tradition 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

...The Traditions

Upcoming Roundups around the US and Canada

If you see a roundup missing, please email eric@gal-aa.org with the information..

| City | Roundup Name | Website | Start Date | End Date |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| Austin | Austin Roundup | austinroundup.com | 7/20/2018 | 7/22/2018 |
| Halifax | Courage Roundup | courageroundup.ca | 8/10/2018 | 8/12/2018 |
| Chicago | Chicago Roundup | chicagoroundup.org | 8/24/2018 | 8/26/2018 |
| Canton | Ohio Roundup | ohioroundup.org | 8/24/2018 | 8/26/2018 |
| San Francisco | Western Roundup Living Sober | livingsober.org | 8/31/2018 | 9/2/2018 |
| San Antonio | San Antonio Roundup | sanantonioroundup.com | 8/31/2018 | 9/2/2018 |
| New Jersey | New Jersey Roundup | njroundup.org | 9/14/2018 | 9/15/2018 |
| Duluth | Duluth Roundup | duluthroundup.org | 9/21/2018 | 9/22/2018 |
| Tacoma | Lakeshore Retreat | lakeshoreretreat.org | 9/28/2018 | 9/30/2018 |
| Toronto | Toronto Gratitude | torontogratitude.org | 10/5/2018 | 10/7/2018 |
| Phoenix | Renewal In the Desert | renewalinthedesert.org | 10/12/2018 | 10/14/2018 |
| Provincetown | Serenity by the Sea | provincetownroundup.org | 10/17/2018 | 10/21/2018 |
| Houston | Houston Roundup | houstonroundup.org | 11/22/2018 | 11/25/2018 |
| SEMRO | Southeastern Massachusetts | semro.org | 2/15/2019 | 2/18/2019 |
| Rehoboth | Spirit by the Sea | rehobothroundup.org | 2/15/2019 | 2/17/2019 |
| Honolulu | Aloha Roundup | aloharoundup.com | 2/22/2019 | 2/24/2019 |
| Miami | Florida Roundup | floridaroundup.org | 3/20/2019 | 3/24/2019 |
| Palm Springs | Hot N Dry | hotndry.com | 6/20/2019 | 6/23/2019 |

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