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Interview Jackie Daniels

If we were to interview a bottle of whiskey, what would it be like? Join me in just such a fictitious interview. "Rr" is Rockie, my pet raccoon asking the questions - I did say this was fictitious. "Ja" is a bottle of Jackie Daniels. (Story line is from my animated video series about alcoholics.)

Rr: Jackie, many people blame you and your friends for causing them to be an alcoholic. What do you say about that?

Ja: Rockie, I wish it were that simple. Alcohol is like a magnifying glass. It enlarges emotional problems that already exist in a person.

Rr: Are you suggesting that people who are alcoholics may have underlying emotional problems?

Ja: That may or may not be the case. However, we do know that if there are emotional problems, alcohol only makes them worse.

Rr: What has been your experience when people drink too much?

Ja: Well, for openers, they are more argumentative. They tend to think only of themselves and their problems. They lie to cover up their drinking. Those are only a few of the behaviors we see.

Rr: And what about suicidal thoughts?

Ja: Oh, I forgot about that. Yes, when people drink too much they sometimes think that their life is a total mess, that it will only get worse, and there's no sense in living any longer.

Rr: Some alcoholics referred to their alcoholism as a disease or allergy of the body. Do you think that this can lead to abusing the use of you and your brethren?

Ja: Yes. We have seen people consume us drink after drink without stopping until they black out, get sick, injure themselves or end up in jail.

Rr: I have heard it said that alcoholism was a compulsion of the body and an obsession of the mind. Does that mean you are not the problem?

Ja: The abuse of my fellow bottles and I is an individual's problem. Many things in life can be overdone. Take for

example the diabetic who continues to eat candy. The obese person who won't put down the potato chips.

Rr: Are you suggesting that the alcoholic can't put down the drink?

Ja: What we see from across the bar is that it is the first drink that an alcoholic must avoid. Without the first drink, the alcoholic won't get into trouble.

Rr: Jackie, how would you recognize an alcoholic?

Ja: Well Rockie, there is a whole list of telltale signs but let me mention a few we have seen:

- Losing time from work
- Having an unhappy home life
- Being argumentative and getting into bar fights
- Having financial problems
- Getting into car accidents
- Needing a drink first thing in the morning
- Blacking out while drinking.

Rr: We raccoons are lucky. They won't sell booze to us. Something about the endangerment of animals.

Ja: Hmmm, what about the endangerment to humans?

Rr: Thanks Jackie for the interview. Are there any last words you want to impart to our readers?

Ja: Yes. Be sensible. If your wife, family, or friends tell you that you drink too much, don't blow them off. Seek professional help. The life you save will be yours.

– Al Di.



Entrevista: Jackie Daniels

Si fuésemos a entrevistar a una botella de whiskey, ¿Cómo sería? Acompáñeme en tal entrevista ficticia. “Rm” es Rockie, mi mapache mascota haciendo las pregunta – sí dije que esta era ficticia. “Ja” es una botella de Jackie Daniels. (La trama viene de mi serie de videos animados acerca de alcohólicos.)

Rm: Jackie, muchas personas te culpan a ti y a tus amigos por causar que ellos sean alcohólicos. ¿Qué dices acerca de esto?

Ja: *Rockie, desearía que fuera así de sencillo. El alcohol es como una lupa. Agranda los problemas emocionales que ya existen en una persona.*

Rm: ¿Estás sugiriendo que las personas que son alcohólicas quizás tengan problemas emocionales subyacentes?

Ja: *Eso puede o no ser el caso. Sin embargo, sí sabemos que si existen problemas emocionales, el alcohol solo los empeora.*

Rm: ¿Cuál ha sido tu experiencia cuando las personas beben demasiado?

Ja: *Bueno, para empezar, son más argumentativos. Tienden a pensar solamente en ellos mismos y en sus problemas. Mienten para encubrir su alcoholismo. Esos son solo unos cuantos de los comportamientos que vemos.*

Rm: ¿Y qué tal los pensamientos suicida?

Ja: *Oh, se me olvidaba eso. Sí, cuando las personas beben demasiado a veces piensan que sus vidas son un caos total, y que solo va a empeorar, y no hay sentido en seguir viviendo.*

Rm: Algunos alcohólicos se refirieron a su alcoholismo como una enfermedad o alergia del cuerpo. ¿Crees que esto los puede llevar a abusar de ti y de tu camarada?

Ja: *Sí. Hemos visto a personas consumirnos trago tras trago sin detenerse hasta que sufren una laguna mental, se enferman, se lastiman ellos mismos o terminan en la cárcel.*

Rm: He escuchado que se dice que el alcoholismo era una compulsión del cuerpo y una obsesión de la mente. ¿Quiere decir esto que tú no eres el problema?

Ja: *El abuso de mis botellas compañeras y sobre mí es un problema del individuo. Muchas cosas en la vida se pueden hacer en exceso. Toma por ejemplo, al diabético que continúa comiendo dulces. La persona obesa que no puede dejar las papitas.*

Rm: ¿Estás sugiriendo que el alcohólico no puede soltar la bebida?

Ja: *Lo que vemos en todo el bar es que es la primera bebida la que el alcohólico debe evitar. Sin ese primer trago, el alcohólico no se meterá en problemas.*

Rm: Jackie, ¿Cómo reconocerías a un alcohólico?

Ja: *Bueno Rockie, hay toda una lista de señales pero permíteme mencionar algunas que hemos visto:*

- *Pierden tiempo de trabajo*
- *Tienen una vida infeliz en el hogar*
- *Discuten y se meten a peleas en los bares*
- *Tienen problemas financieros*
- *Tienen accidentes automovilísticos*
- *Necesitan un trago a primera hora de la mañana*
- *Sufren lagunas mentales mientras beben*

Rm: Nosotros los mapaches tenemos suerte. No nos venden alcohol a nosotros. Algo de peligro a los animales.

Ja: *Mmm, ¿Qué tal el peligro a los humanos?*

Rm: Gracias Jackie por la entrevista. ¿Hay algunas últimas palabras que deseas impartir a nuestros lectores?

Ja: *Sí, Ser sensible. Si tu esposa, familia o amigos te dicen que bebes demasiado, no los rechaces. Busca ayuda profesional. La vida que salvarás será la tuya.*

– Al Di.

Anuncio Especial

Grapevine y La Viña celebran el Día de los Fundadores con acceso gratuito del 26 de mayo hasta el 10 de junio de 2021

*El 10 de junio de 1935, el Dr. Bob tomó su última copa y ese día marca la fundación de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Dado que muchas reuniones aún están cerradas y los grupos tienen una capacidad limitada para celebrar nuestra fundación, Grapevine y La Viña ayudarán a marcar esta fecha importante al brindarles a todos **acceso gratuito** a nuestros sitios web durante dos semanas. Podrá leer y escuchar historias de las ediciones actuales y pasadas, acceder a nuestra calculadora de sobriedad, leer la cita diaria, aprender cómo puede contribuir con su historia y encontrar formas de server a otros usando las revistas Grapevine y La Viña.*

Comparta esta noticia con otros miembros.

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Getting Old in A.A.

As part of a family intervention, I was introduced to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. That was more than 50 years ago. At first, I only went to out-of-town meetings. One night, I traveled 20 miles. Surely no one would recognize me there. After the meeting, on the way out the door, a member suggested I attend local meetings. I did.

My hometown A.A. meetings at Hardware City were held on the top floor of a three-story building on Main Street. The first person I met there was Henry. I saw him from afar and I knew I recognized him. While driving my milk truck through town, well before dawn, I would often see him loading daily newspapers into the coin-dispenser boxes placed on sidewalks in the business section of the city. His greeting to me was hardly welcoming. He had a gruff manner. To appreciate him I had to stick around and go to meetings a good while. He had no problem speaking his mind and gave newcomers no slack. Love him or hate him, his message was always true A.A. When a member who was absent for a spell would walk in, Henry's welcome was: "The chicken has come home to roost". If someone was out of line in a meeting he would bellow: "Take the cotton out of your ears and put it in your mouth".

A fire destroyed the building. The group relocated to a ground floor space two blocks up the street. Alkies with tool belts and gusto went to work renovating the place, complete with pool and card tables plus a service counter. Eventually it was widely known as Resurrection House or simply Rez. In the early days, members had access to the front of the building, which led to a small chapel and a rehab unit. I know that an Al-Anon group also met there since my wife was a member. Little by little, the number of A.A. meetings grew to seventeen. A house man was hired to keep the coffee hot and the doors open during the day. I call this time of my life the beginning of my growing-up years.

In my 30's and still a boy, I found A.A. and put the drink down. I know I read the Big Book and studied the Steps because my second edition is well worn and marked up. I've shown up regularly at meetings and participated in service. With help of the Fellowship, I matured slowly as a family man. I embrace spirituality with a true sense of gratitude for the many blessings that keep coming my way. Now, at the age of 89, I find myself unable to rest with all of the goodness and accolades that come with the 50-year coin. I continue struggling with a sense of unworthiness. My acceptance of senior status is finally waning after forcing myself to share about it honestly at meetings. I recognize it as a poor-me defect thing somewhere between ego and self-esteem. These days I attend meetings on the Zoom and in person with a new generation of drunks. Hardware City was forced to

abandon the Rez and relocate. It has made adjustments to comply with Covid pandemic guidelines. Meetings are held seven days a week – masks do enhance anonymity. Thankfully A.A. is still A.A. Henry is no longer with us but not forgotten. His name pops up now and then. I think of him fondly. He died in a nursing home at 95 - sober.

– Philip T.

Two New Books / Dos Nuevos Libros



From AA Grapevine, Inc.:

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Heard in the Rooms

"Don't judge your inside on somebody else's outside".

"Insanity is doing the same thing again and again, and expecting different results".

"Alcoholics who work the Steps stay sober".

"Go out and be yourself, because everyone else is taken".



You Tip My Bowls

My bowls lie behind my eyes
My bowls are full of liquid
Liquid soaked with grief
Liquid drenched in gratitude
Liquid tears.

You share with me
I relate.
I share with you.
My bowls begin to tip
I feel my grief
I feel my gratitude
My tears begin to fall.

I reach for a tissue
I begin to wipe my cheeks.
It's not enough.
I need a towel.
Not a small one.
A full-size bath towel.

My towel is soaked
Years of repression, flowing now.
Do I stop?
Can I stop?
I stop.
Oh but there's more.

With each thought that creeps in
With each memory that jumps forward
The hurts, the disappointments.
Then there's the gratitude

The gratitude for all the help you've freely given me
The times you were present for me
The hugs.
My bowls tip.
When will they settle?

Time.
In time, they settle.
They balance.
On their own,
In their own time.
No forcing.
No dam having to be built for them.
I let my bowls tip.
As long as they need.
As long as I need.

Recovery,
I recover when I allow myself to let go
To let my bowls tip.
To let You tip my bowls.
I couldn't do it alone.

Now my bowls are full.
Full of joy
Full of experiences
Full of acceptance
Acceptance of me
Acceptance of my bowls
And all they hold.
I am enough.

– Liz G., Simsbury



Guide to a Better Way

Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the Steps require. But we saw that the program really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness of life as we had been living it.

When, therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet.

Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and that these defects threaten us continually. Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living, and they are to group survival and harmony what A.A.'s Steps are to each member's sobriety and peace of mind.

–As Bill Sees It, page 149

(Alcoholics Anonymous, page 25, A.A. Comes of Age, page 96)



The Weepee Story

There was a time in my life when I drank every day. Whether you were there with me or not, I felt I was alone. By the end of my drinking career, on March 20, 2006, I was truly alone.

I was practicing social distancing long before a pandemic came along to give an alcoholic the perfect excuse to isolate.

The A.A. Program taught me that I cannot do this alone. In fact, it taught me that long before I was willing to accept it. Until I surrendered completely, my life was still unmanageable in every way. I now surrender somehow, some way, every day to Alcoholics Anonymous, the Twelve Steps, and the Fellowship. Today I need them all for any hope to lead a reasonably happy life. These tools help me to accept my daily living, good times and bad.

Thanks to A.A., the God that has always been in my life is no longer merely one of the basketball players wandering up and down the court of my mind. He is the Coach and I must listen. He sees the whole court and has the plan. When I do God's will, we win. When I don't, I lose.

I want to talk about my experience when the sky fell in March of 2020. I felt like most, if not all, A.A. meetings suddenly stopped. My fellowship was taken away. It was like losing a limb. It was a part of the A.A. I once despised, now to be replaced by Zoom. It was at this time the Steps became more relevant than ever, and that cinder-block phone too!

If I can say that anything positive came out of this ongoing pandemic, it is that I did not curl up in a corner and die. I used my time wisely. I stayed productive, not destructive. There's a saying I believe in the Twelve & Twelve, Step Six or Seven (don't hold me to it) that says this is the Step that separates the adults from the children. This is the moment of truth. How is my Program? How I deal with people, places, and things at this time is on a whole new level.

I have had moments of doubt wondering where the Program fits in all of this. I have not quit and it does fit. Even if only at times, it is best to just keep my mouth shut and try with all my being to be considerate of others.

Thank God for technology and thank God for Zoom. By the end of May of 2020, I knew that social distancing wasn't working for me and others must have felt the same way. Isolation equals death to this alcoholic. I decided to start a firepit A.A. meeting at my house on Saturday nights.

I invited a number of people with whom I had maintained regular contact. The meeting would be outside; safe and socially distanced. I ended each meeting by saying, "same time next week, weather permitting of course", followed by the Lord's Prayer. I don't know if it was God or just the weather in Connecticut, but it did not rain much. The meetings went on all summer.

Months went by, and some meetings re-opened. The Saturday night firepit still burned. October arrived and the weather began to change, and people were still showing up.

One October night, I looked around the circle of people, which had grown to as many as seventeen attendees. I said to the group, "You know what, I'm going to build a teepee".

The next Saturday night, everyone saw the rope over the limb tied to the poles. They asked how I got the rope over that tree limb. I said jokingly 'with a lot of willingness'. The next weekend, I had several people over to help raise the teepee. The look of surprise in some people's faces when the teepee rose was priceless. Not I, but we, built the teepee.

Weeks went by and we never had a bad meeting in what now is called the Weepee. One Saturday, a friend called and asked if it was OK to bring a brand-new guy to the meeting. Of course, I said, "yes". That is our purpose.

This man attended his first ever meeting and got his Big Book, with all our numbers written in the front cover, in a teepee. I now sponsor this man and he has begun his journey through the Twelve Steps. He is about to celebrate 30-days of sobriety. This program works. It really, really works . . . if you want.

We still have meetings in the Weepee. I now say, "Welcome everyone to the Weather Permitting meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is Tim and I'm an alcoholic!"

—Tim G.

From the Alki-Line Archives

For all that has been written and for all that has been read, we are led to this instant where one of us will speak and one of us will listen. It doesn't matter how we came to this. We may jump into it or come upon it after great pain or a sudden raw feeling that this is all very real. When we meet like this, I may not have the words, so let me say it now. Nothing compares to the sensation of being alive in the company of another. It is God breathing on the embers of our souls.

— Jim S., *Waterbury; Vol.26 No.6 Dec 2017-Jan 2018*

Together Alone

It was Sunday, March 5th, 2020. I didn't go to my home group; I don't remember why. Was it raining? Did I not want to fix my hair? Was something good on TV? Had I only known.



I did not have everyone's phone number from my home group. That's not a big deal - I saw them once a week. Had I only known.

I had watched the world map. I had seen the big red dot encompassing a region of China, Japan, South Korea. Hundreds sick, a few deaths. Way, way over there. Oh my. I said a prayer for God to watch over them. I moved on. Had I only known.

The WHO declared a health emergency. I asked my adult son if he was watching the news. I laughed as I told him it reminded me of a Stephen King novel. Had I only known. I began to think about this, logically, but only for a short time. There's 7.5 billion people in the world. Thousands are sick; hundreds are dying. Statistically, a drop in the bucket, and so far away. Had I only known.

Had I paid a little more attention, I would have attended my Home Group that Sunday. I would have hugged everyone a little tighter, held hands a little longer, told another person how much I loved them and gathered phone numbers. I would have visited my family and squeezed them. I would have prayed more.

I live alone; I'm considered high risk - my age and lung surgery, which I had taken in stride are now a huge concern. And A.A. as I knew it was closed. What could I do? Usually when I'm stressed, I hit a meeting. I did the next best thing - I picked up the phone and called someone. Someone called me. We checked on our neighbors, friends, support system, and acquaintances, some that we had never, ever called before. We told our stories to each other over the phone and developed new friendships and deeper relationships. A.A. perseveres.

Someone invited me to a Closed Group on Facebook. We discussed anonymity and the Traditions. We declared ourselves an A.A. Group. A.A. perseveres.

We type, comment, post pictures, virtually laugh and get mad. We connect. We contemplate self-support. A.A. perseveres.

The written word is nice but sometimes gets lost in the translation. We start to video chat. We can see your face. We can hear the inflection of your voice. AA perseveres. I miss socializing. Someone introduces us to Zoom, which becomes a lifeline. We can see each other as a group. A.A. perseveres.

I contemplate the future - will we ever socially hug or hold hands again? Will we physically have coffee together? A.A. perseveres.

I have an advantage. I've been praying and accepting God's will on a regular basis; I know how to accept things I cannot

change. I know how to maintain my spirituality; I am comfortable in my own skin. A.A. perseveres.

I live like I was taught to live. Like sober people live. A.A. perseveres.

As I type in meeting numbers and passwords, I wonder where in the world is this meeting originating from. I reflect on those first few shaky days of sobriety when I didn't know for sure where I was going, or who would be there. How do I do this? What do I say? A.A. perseveres.

I'm out of my comfort zone - God doesn't give me more than I can handle but he sure makes me stretch. A.A. perseveres.

And we know peace. We are together, alone.

— Linda F.

A Message from the Area 11 Archives Committee

The Area 11 Archives committee has created an “A.A. During Covid” survey. This survey is intended for all Area 11 A.A. members. It asks about group experience and individual experience during the Covid-19 pandemic. There are eleven questions and an additional section for more writing if you wish to add more thoughts, comments, or experience. The materials are submitted directly from the survey page to Area 11 Archives. This has been months in the making. The project was done in conjunction with our area website committee and Webmaster. Our hope was to make a survey that was easily accessible and that captures both group and individual experience during the pandemic. We ask that you please take the time to fill out the survey and share your experience. And bring this information back to your groups. We all know these are unprecedented times in A.A. This is the first pandemic in A.A.'s history and to consider the implications around health and A.A., safety and A.A., technology and A.A., the law and A.A. this time monumental. Our documented experiences, we believe, will be an invaluable resource to A.A. in years to come.

The survey link can be found on the “AA Members” section of www.ct-aa.org or [Click here to take the survey now](#)

The 71st General Service Conference

Dear Area 11:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate to the 71st General Service Conference. The week-long (online) A.A. business meeting—where discussions and voting on



issues affecting A.A. as a whole took place—was exhilarating, inspiring, and gratifying.

The experience reminded me of two important truths. First, my ideas are never as good as what comes from an informed group conscience. Service in Alcoholics Anonymous has given me the ability to have my mind changed. Second, A.A. is big—very big. My experience as an A.A. member—currently living in Hartford, Connecticut—might differ from the experience of an A.A. member living in a remote community in Canada. I tend to view the world of A.A. through the lens of my own experience—the experience of when I got sober and where I got sober. It is worth repeating: A.A. is big.

Thank you to the many of you for participating in the Pre-Conference Assembly and Spring Assembly. Attending Area Assemblies allows all of us to be part of the General Service Conference process. If your experience with the Assemblies were enjoyable, please share that with your A.A. friends and encourage their attendance at future Assemblies.

Summaries of this year's General Service Conference are posted on our Area website. Simply visit www.ct-aa.org, click "A.A. Members," and then click "Delegate's Reports." You will be able to find it there. Again, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. I would be nothing without A.A.

In Service,
Matt K.
Area 11 Delegate (Panel 71)

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Gratitude

Gratitude is the lifeblood of my A.A. program. It was not always that way. Before my last drink I had a very warped perception of reality. Though I had a loving wife, three beautiful children, a good job, and many other blessings, I did not see it that way. I thought my family was making my life

harder, that my employer was treating me unfairly, that I was misunderstood by a world that was out to get me. I was full of fear and resentment, and anxiety that was getting worse as I continued to use.

Then a miracle happened. I woke up after a night of drinking and something was different. I did not know it at the time, but it was my moment of surrender. Though I had been "around" A.A. for years and thought I knew something about alcoholism, I began to hear and see for the first time. I became a "part of" my groups and began to see that I had so much to be grateful for. My wife should have left me, my employer should have fired me, I should have been locked up or found dead, but none of those things happened. The understanding that my Higher Power had always been there for me became strong, and I began to acknowledge Him. Nothing materially changed my circumstances, but my outlook was completely altered. As someone once said, "The key to being blessed is that you are".

— Bryan S., from Vol 27. No.1 Feb 2018-March 2018

Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare

Safety is an important issue in A.A. – one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

"Each member of Alcoholic Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward". -Tradition One (Long Form)

[Read about Safety in A.A.](#) [Safety Card for A.A. Groups](#)

Responsibility Pledge

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that, I am responsible!



Public Service Announcement

Would you like to get involved in service at the district level?

A District Committee Member (DCM), special committee representative, or your group's General Service Representative (GSR) could provide you with information and guidance. You could also attend a district/GSR meeting.

Don't know when your district meeting is? Or, perhaps you don't even know what district is yours? [The District Map](#) will help you determine your district. Once you know your district number, go to the [Area 11 Service Calendar](#) to find out the district meeting details – or ask a GSR.

Service Committees

Area 11 maintains standing service committees whose mission is to serve the A.A. community in Connecticut and carry the message of A.A. to the alcoholic who still suffers. Visit the individual service committee pages below to learn more:

- [Accessibilities Committee](#)
- [Alki-Line Committee](#)
- [Answering Service Committee](#)
- [Archives Committee](#)
- [Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\) Committee](#)
- [Corrections Committee](#)
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Special Announcement

Grapevine and La Viña Celebrate Founder's Day with Free Access from May 26 through June 10, 2021

On June 10, 1935, Dr. Bob had his last drink and that day marks the founding of Alcoholic Anonymous. Since so many meetings are still closed, and groups have limited ability to celebrate our founding. Grapevine and La Viña will help mark this important date by giving everyone **free access** to our websites for two weeks. You will be able to read and listen to stories from current and past issues, access our sobriety calculator, read the daily quote, learn how you can contribute to your story, and find ways to serve others using Grapevine and La Viña magazine. **Please share this news with other members.**

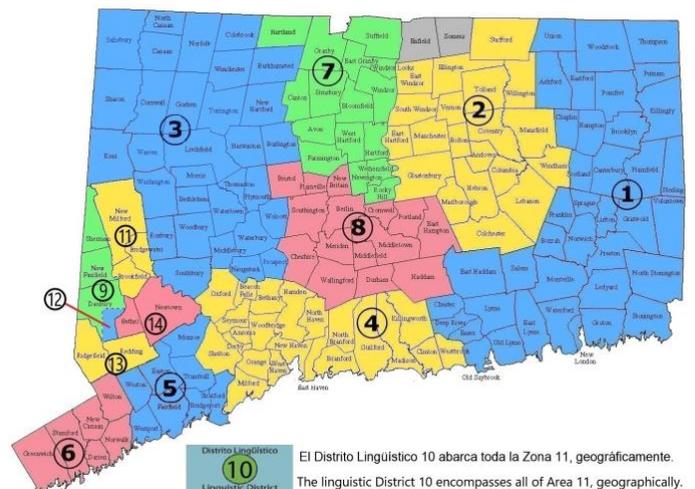
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Area 11 Districts



Learn about the Area 11 Districts [here](#).



Save the Dates

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

Friday June 4, 2021 through Sunday June 6, 2021 (virtual)

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and information sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff say in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants, and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

For information and registration [Click Here](#)

62nd Area 11 Convention



62ND ANNUAL AREA 11 CONVENTION
SEPT. 25-26, 2021

Program information and registration coming Summer 2021!

Area 11 Fall Assembly

Sunday November 14, 2021 (virtual)



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