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Forward the Traveler to a Friend

A warm hello from ACA WSO. Here are a few important updates, opportunities, and resources for the month ahead.

Fellowship Highlights



ACA Annual Business Conference

The next ACA Annual Business Conference will be held on **May 16th - 17th** from **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT**. Registration is now open.

[Visit this link to register](#)

Fellowship Group Voting Results Are Available



This year 1,068 of 2,596 eligible groups voted - the highest level of participation in 40 years.

Groups from 45 countries took part, reflecting the strength and shared commitment of our worldwide fellowship.

[See the voting results](#)

20th Anniversary of the Big Red Book

They are on their way to Signal Hill and international hubs!

Get yours before they are gone!

[Find out more.](#)

New & Noteworthy

International Literature Update

ACA WSO is grateful to the translation teams and WSO staff whose service

made these new releases possible:

- Italian *Loving Parent Guidebook* (print & eBook),
- French *Loving Parent Guidebook* (eBook),
- Arabic *A New Hope* (eBook).

[Browse international literature](#) | [Learn about translations](#)

Missed the 2025 ACA World Convention? Listen to the Recordings Anytime

While you are waiting for the 2026 AWC recordings, check out the 2025 AWC recordings.

[Access the Recordings](#)

Thank You to Everyone Who Attended the 2026 ACA AWC!

This year 4,300 participants from 94 countries came together for a true global experience.

Audio recordings of the presentations, along with workshop handouts, will be available by the end of June.

[Read more](#) or reach out to us at awc@acawso.org



New from the ComLine Blog

Here are a few recent reflections from the ComLine Blog. If something resonates, feel free to share it with someone who might need it.

[The Inner Child Wasn't What I Thought](#)

An idea that once felt distant begins to make sense through small, unexpected

reactions that don't quite belong to the moment.

[Crocheting a Recovery](#)

A simple craft becomes a striking metaphor for recovery, where even the moments that fall apart can reveal what needs to change.

[I Used to Think It Was Just a Basket](#)

What starts as a background moment in meetings, reveals itself as a powerful way to stay connected and give back.

[Visit the blog](#)

What is WSO - and Why Does It Matter?

If you've ever wondered what WSO does behind the scenes, this article offers a clear look at how world-level service supports the ACA fellowship.

[Learn about WSO](#)



Imagine ACA's Future

Help shape how ACA celebrates its major milestones, including the upcoming 50th ACA Birthday Anniversary. All ACA members are welcome to bring ideas for meaningful, fellowship-wide celebrations.

The Teen Booklet Editing Team is Seeking Members

The Teen Booklet Editing Team is seeking members willing to help us with the final stages of typesetting and proofreading our edited version of Chapter 18 of the BRB.

Please contact William G-B (Slack or email at 163wgb@gmail.com)

The Loving Parent Daily Reader Team Seeks Volunteers

The team is looking for volunteers with writing, editing, or project management experience to help organize and edit submissions for its meditation book project.

Mondays, 3:30 – 5:00 PM EDT

Contact lpgdr@acawso.org for details (Note: This is the **correct** email address)

Make the 7th Tradition a Part of Your 12th Step

"Making a 7th Tradition contribution is one of the ways I practice the 12th Step,

along with sponsoring and doing service. I give monthly through a recurring donation on the adultchildren.org website so I can support ACA WSO year round. It means a lot to me to know my contributions help bring ACA literature into new languages and support the website in carrying the message."



We Need Old ComLines!

We're looking for missing editions of ComLine, meeting minutes, and any other historical ACA materials. Of 384 possible ComLine issues since 1984, only about half are in our archives.

We'll cover postage if needed.

Contact info@acawso.org for details.

Have you ever wondered...

Have you ever wondered what it's like to serve on the ACA Board of Trustees or the Nominating Committee?

[Learn more](#)

Share Your Experience, Strength, and Hope



Step Into Service

Service with WSO can be a meaningful path to healing, growth, and connection. Current opportunities include

- [Publishing Committee](#) -- roles for editors, writers, and organizers
- [Member Services, Regions & Intergroup, and Young Adult & Teens](#) --

team member, chair, and coordinator roles

- **[On-site support at the ACA Service Office in California](#)** -- help bundle literature, assemble meeting packets, and answer ACA-related calls

[Explore service opportunities](#)

Is Your Group's Listing Information Current?

If you are a public or private contact for a meeting, Intergroup, or Region, please take a moment to review your group's information

- For meetings: find your meeting and click [Update This Meeting](#)
- For Intergroups: find your Intergroup and click [Update Now](#)
- For Regions or general updates: email meetings@acawso.org

If your group contact(s) no longer attends your meeting please let us know. Contact meetings@acawso.org to update your meeting's information.

Treasurer's Corner

Monthly Treasurer Report now available. (Typically reflects data from the two previous months.)

[View Treasurer Report](#)

Suggested Guidelines for Sharing Excess Funds

ACA offers **suggested—not required**—guidelines for how groups may share excess funds with intergroups, regions, and the World Service Organization.

After meeting their own expenses and prudent reserve, many ACA groups choose to **share excess funds** using these **suggested** guidelines:

- ✓ **50% to the local intergroup** (if one exists)
- ✓ **25% to the region** (if one exists)
- ✓ **25% to the ACA World Service Organization (WSO)**

If no intergroup or region exists, groups may choose to send their entire contribution directly to WSO.

Featured Meetings & Events

Different Journeys to Recovery

May 9 | 5:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT

Join our London Convention online.

Celebrate the unique paths we each take in our healing process.

[Learn more](#)

Sponsored by ACA UK Intergroup



Mother's Day Mini-Marathon

May 10 | 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM EDT

Meeting ID: 868 4428 9259

Passcode: 077166

[View flyer](#)

Greater Western USA Region (Region 5)

Ready Set Go!!

Ready Set Go!! is a 6-week introductory program of the ACA Program, the ACA 12 Steps, and an introductory Inner Child Workshop "Awakening Little One."

Morning Series Begins **5/12** click [here](#)

Evening Series Begins **5/14** click [here](#)

Contact - acatoni5617@comcast.net

Sponsored by West Great Lakes ACA Intergroup, IG #70

ACA Annual Business Conference

May 16 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT | May 17 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT

Last day for Delegates to register: **May 11th**

Last day to add an Alternate Delegate: **May 14th**

[Learn more](#)

[See more events](#) | [Submit your event](#)

Ongoing Resources

Meetings - ACA WSO maintains a worldwide list of registered ACA meetings that take place in person, over the phone or online.

[Find a Meeting](#)

WSO Board of Trustees Meeting with the Fellowship

The ACA WSO Board holds its open meeting with the fellowship quarterly on the second Saturday using Zoom, at 2:00 PM EDT.

Note: The next Board Meeting is June 13th.

Zoom Meeting ID: 228 809 511 Passcode: 90755

For agendas, previous minutes, the Zoom access, and telephone information:

[Visit ACAWSO.ORG](http://ACAWSO.ORG)

Daily Meditation in Your Inbox

Receive ACA's *Meditation of the Day* by email, drawn from the **Strengthening My Recovery** book.

[Sign up for Daily Meditation Emails](#)

(Note this is separate from The Traveler newsletter.)

Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the adult child who still suffers.

[Read the 12 Traditions](#)

Concept V

Throughout our structure, a Right of Petition prevails, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of grievances will be carefully considered.

[Read the 12 Concepts of Service](#)

About Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

ACA is a worldwide 12 Step / 12 Tradition program of recovery dedicated to people who were raised in dysfunctional families. ACA does not seek to assign blame to parents or caretakers, but we seek to understand the reality of how family dysfunctions affected us as children and still affects our adult behavior today.

Family dysfunction can include alcoholism, abandonment, neglect, or any type of addiction or abuse.

ACA is synonymous with ACoA & Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families.

[Learn more at adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org)

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