Family disease? Thank God!

This month my brother and I celebrate 30 years of continuous sobriety. We share the same sobriety date and have supported each other since the beginning. He swears I drove him to drink. I know he led me into sobriety.

Each year I remember how his words to me proved a turning point. Over the phone, in a drunken conversation, I asked him what he was going to do about his drinking. He said he was going to kill himself or go into treatment. I asked him to let me know how it worked out. It was the first time I'd ever hinted that I had a problem, too. I surrendered. The next day we were both in treatment, 50 miles apart.

We've leaned on each other through the deaths of our parents, a sister, his son and my husband without a drink. Thank God for A.A. and for my brother, Howard B.

— Ann P.

Learning the steps vs. living the steps: The event is not the process

During his third day of treatment at Towns Hospital, Bill W. ingested the essence of our Twelve Steps while being assisted by his schoolmate, Ebby T. (Read p.13). Directly thereafter, Bill experienced a radical personality change, which allowed a release from his alcoholic obsession. However, this blessed happenstance would have been only temporary unless followed by putting Ebby’s “neat little formula” into action, which was, at that time, of course, the tenets of the Oxford Group.

Learning the Twelve Steps is an event. Living the Twelve Steps is a process.

Directly after leaving Towns Hospital, Bill didn’t return to his long-standing passion of Wall Street finances, but was instead guided to Calvary Mission in attempt to carry his newfound sobriety message to drunks. Lucky for us this became a lifetime process, which allowed him to maintain permanent sobriety. His spiritual experience event became a lifetime process.

Dr. Carl Jung explained to millionaire, Rowland H., “Ideas, emotions, and ideas which were once the guiding forces of the lives of these men are suddenly cast aside, and a new

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Are we in A.A. really self-supporting?

I heard an awful thing at a recent Intergroup meeting. It seems Alcoholics Anonymous itself is no longer self-supporting through its members’ own contributions!

Many groups may not really be part of A.A. What does that mean?

Sure, the groups pay their own rent and buy their own coffee. But many of them do not contribute a cent to the support of their Intergroup, Area or the General Service Office in New York. Consequently, GSO is now funded largely by literature sales.

Talking with some women in my home group the other night, I recalled how my first sponsor taught me about A.A.

When I got sober in 1988, each time the basket was passed, the chair would say, “If you haven’t been in the program 30 days, let it pass.”

How I looked forward to being able to contribute! I was thrilled the day I could put my buck in the basket! I felt a part of A.A. (Over time I’ve increased the amount I drop in the basket but it still gives me a feeling of pride to know I belong.)

My sponsor explained to me where the money went. Then she had me serve as treasurer for a home group. It made me feel even more a part of A.A.

In my home group we paid 60% of the basket for rent and kept enough to pay for a month’s worth of coffee.

The rest was divided 60%-30%-10% and sent to Central Office, Area 56 and the General Service Office in New York.

As treasurer, I kept a ledger and reported to the group. It was a matter of pride to know that my group was a contributing part of A.A.

All the groups I attend today contribute to Central Office, Area and the GSO. Belonging to groups that support Alcoholics Anonymous makes me feel a part of A.A.

— Anonymous
12th Step volunteers needed

Central Office of Dayton maintains a list of volunteers who are willing and able to perform 12th Step work. It is recommended that 12th Step volunteers have a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety and it is also necessary that they be readily accessible by phone.

Some examples of the work performed include, but are not limited to:
1. Talking over the phone to a person in need.
2. Visiting a detox patient who is in a hospital or nursing home.
3. Meeting with someone in person. (In this situation you would always take another 12th Step volunteer with you.)

As a volunteer with this program, Central Office staff would contact you when there was a request for the type of assistance listed above. If you were available to take the assignment, you would be provided with all the details you needed to make the call or visit.

To sign-up for the 12th-Step list, please contact Central Office at 937-222-2211, or by email at centraloffice@aadaytononline.org.

Please consider participating in this important service work. We keep what we have by giving it away. There is no better way to do that than by becoming a 12th Step volunteer. We hope to hear from you soon.

Words from our new Area 56 delegate

“So now you’re a delegate.” What an opportunity and a blessing! This comes with a responsibility of reaching out toward new horizons and assuming service to the Area, Districts, groups and to A.A. as a whole.

Some of the duties involved are visiting groups and Districts in the Area whenever possible, cooperating with the General Service Office to provide information about our Area, and attending all Area and Regional service meetings and assemblies to reach out to as many A.A. members in Southwest Ohio Area 56 as possible.

The goal is to hear as many voices as possible throughout the Area, not only individually but also through the process of groups reaching a group conscience on important matters of consideration. The delegate also helps local areas to resolve problems involving the A.A. Traditions as well as reminding G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the Grapevine and Conference-approved literature, and working closely with others to share and exchange information about the Area. A Delegate serves a term of two years. Due to its population size, there are four areas in the State of Ohio, each represented by a Delegate. While the General Service Conference operates all year round, the annual meeting, held in New York City, usually in April, is the culmination of the year’s activities, the time when the collective group conscience of U.S./Canada A.A. comes together to take action that will guide the groups in the years to come. The Area 56 Mini-Conference is an important part of that process whereby we assist with maintaining the structure of a conference that Bill W. and Dr. Bob first established to preserve the A.A. Traditions and Fellowship when they would no longer be around, allowing A.A. to continue to operate in Unity, Service and Recovery.

— Jenny C., Delegate

Learning the steps vs. living the steps

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set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate them” (p. 27). Although armed with this invaluable knowledge, Roland H. was unable to follow the Oxford Group tenets, consequently, he maintained only spotted sobriety. Learning the Oxford Group tenets was sadly only an event, but not the necessary lifetime process.

Dr. Bob had been exposed to the Oxford Group tenets for over two years before meeting Bill W., but was not actually living in the spirit of them. And no matter how hard he would try, he would end up boiled as an owl. After a five-hour talk with Bill, he experienced a much stronger desire to stay sober. This was an exciting event, but he was unwilling to follow the process of making the required amends. He got drunk! But later, he made amends, thus began living the Twelve Steps (as they were later to be called). He never drank again! Half measures availed us nothing (p. 59).

— Bob S., Richmond, IN
Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Now that we have admitted we are powerless over alcohol, where are we to find the power for recovery? The Big Book states we “may be suffering from an illness which only a spiritual experience may conquer” (pg.44). The path to spiritual growth is not always in a straight line, but often twists and turns, but as long as we stay on the path we will continue to grow. The only defense we have between ourselves and that first drink is a power greater than ourselves.

“Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves…” doesn’t say “you must” or “right now, this minute.” A.A. is not a self-help program but a “We” program. I couldn’t help myself so I needed help from a power other than myself. In the beginning it may be nothing more than a Group Of Drunks or Good Orderly Direction but whatever it is, it’s simply God, as you understand God. Take it easy; you need only ask yourself, “Do I now believe or am I even willing to believe, that there is a power greater than myself?” (B.B., pg.47). A closed mind is not conducive to sobriety; find a spiritual basis for living.

“…could restore us to sanity.” If sanity is described as “soundness of mind” (12&12 pg.33), then having a disease that tells us we are OK, that this time I won’t get drunk, is not sound. Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is not sane.

Hope is found in the rooms of A.A. and if the rooms are empty, there is no hope to be found. How does one travel a destination or desire; it becomes a state of mind. As our Higher Power takes care of today it gives hope for tomorrow.

Now, instead of expecting different results, I do the same thing over and over and get the same results. I don’t drink, just for today, and stay sober.

— Troy A., Liberty Twp

Tradition 2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Often when I hear Tradition Two being read, I get flashbacks to my early days in A.A.

It takes me back to one of my first half-dozen meetings. I found myself at a meeting that did not have coffee. It was my first bring your own coffee meeting. After the meeting I wanted to complain to whoever was in charge.

That is when I learned in A.A. no one was in charge and what a group conscience was.

If you have been in our fellowship for while you have no doubt seen that puzzled look on a newcomers face when they ask who is in charge and are told no one. I no doubt looked like one of them at the no coffee meeting.

This lack of governance by leaders in A.A. can be seen in the fact that A.A. has a board of trustees and a chairman of that board that cannot toss a member out for any reason. We have a treasurer but he or she cannot make anyone pay dues or fees of any kind.

To get a better understanding of this tradition lets look at it from the level of local groups, districts, and areas. Groups have Group Service Representatives (GSRs) districts have District Committee Members (DCMs) and areas have Area Delegates, but none of them can compel anyone to do anything.

Neither can the treasurers of those service levels charge dues or fees of any kind. The bottom line is that A.A. leader gives directives or enforces obedience. Leaders at any level of A.A. service do just that — they serve.

The only authority in A.A. is a loving God (as each individual members understands God) expressing itself through the collective conscience of any given group at any level of service.

— Garwood F., Piqua

Concept 2

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

(When Mark was a delegate, he contributed this article.) As I was preparing for the Conference I had a list of items which either the Voice of Area 56 or I thought needed the attention of our General Service Conference. Once I arrived at the Conference my first opportunity to voice suggestions was at the Sunday meeting of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. Area 56 and I wanted some wording changed, some footnotes corrected and an addition of some items in The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service. I was quickly reined in by more experienced Delegates on some of these issues. As Conference members, we are to deal with issues that rise to level of policy but some of the items with which I was concerned were simply editorial and were brought to the attention of our GSO staff for correction in the next printing. For example, there were incorrect page numbers in footnotes.

More complex editorial issues should be addressed by a Conference Committee and reported as “Additional Considerations” to the Conference. An example of this change was the removal of the word “the” preceding A.A. Grapevine since the Grapevine Board had noted that they were established as A.A. Grapevine, Inc. rather than The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Finally I had a few items that deserved the attention of the entire Conference.

We addressed the issue of the drawing of the upside-down triangle in the Service Manual titled Structure of the Conference.

The existing drawing indicated that AAWS and AAGV were the bottom members of the Conference when, in fact, the General Service Board is at the bottom and the other two boards are wholly owned subsidiaries of the General Service Board.

On this issue, the Conference approved a change.

— Mark E., Lebanon
BIG BOOK QUIZ
By Twila W.

1. For years we have been working with alcoholics committed to ___(p.114).
2. Perhaps you are not quite in sympathy with the ___(p.144) we suggest.
4. ___(p.164) yourself to God as you understand God.
5. The ___(p.6) would recover, but I wouldn’t.
6. It is possible to dig up past misdeeds so they become a ___(p.124), a veritable plague.
7. But his venture wound up in a ___(p.154) and bogged down completely.
8. Most of us feel we need to look no further for ___(p.16).
9. He suddenly realized that in order to save himself he must carry his ___(p.xvi 3rd Ed) to another alcoholic.
10. The ___(p.134) are sometimes dominated by a pathetic hardness and cynicism.

Happy birthday to YOU!
Most of us enjoy celebrating our sober birthday by receiving a token on our anniversary. Another tradition is to donate money to mark the date and show gratitude to the fellowship.

With gratitude in mind, Central Office had established the Birthday Club. A donation on your anniversary is a simple way of giving back to the program that has given so much to you.

Members will be invited to share in a cake served once each quarter at Central Office and will receive a free bronze anniversary token if they bring their contribution to the office in person.

For more information or to have an enrollment brochure mailed to you, contact Central Office at (937) 222-2211.

“A.A. — A Solution for All Generations”
Mini-Conference 2018 Southwest Ohio Area 56 March 16-18
Dayton Marriott, 1414 Patterson Blvd. Dayton OH 45409
Telephone: (937) 223-1000 www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dayoh-dayton-marriott/
Hotel registration not required to attend or participate. Hotel cost is $115.00/night plus tax.
To make hotel reservations, call (800) MARRIOTT; mention the Area 56 Mini-Conference.
Cut-off date for hotel reservation: Feb. 16.
MINI-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS FREE
On-site registration begins at 3 p.m. Friday

Pre-registration helps us plan — Please clip and mail

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________
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Name on Badge ___________________ Home Group ___________________

Do you have an Accessibility/Special Need? Please Describe: _______________________________________

Do you want an Electronic Copy of the Follow-up Report on the Mini Conference? _______

We will have a Mid-Western Style Dinner Banquet Saturday Evening.
Buffet includes: Grilled bratwurst, pulled pork, fried chicken, salads, side dishes and dessert.  _____________Banquet tickets x $35 per ticket = _______ Hospitality donation = _______ Total = _______

Make Checks for banquet payable to: Southwest Ohio General Service Area 56 Mail Registration and checks: Area 56 Mini-Conference, P.O. Box 684 Dayton, OH 45401 — You do not have to purchase meal to participate in conference. —
For more information, call Jenny C. (513) 289-7657, Dave L. (937) 572-9139, Laura G. (937) 405-5241 or email miniconference@aaarea56 www.aaarea56.org

Program Highlights
Hot topics to be discussed at the upcoming General Service Conference
Small group discussions • Friday and Saturday night leads
GSO Staff Member & East Central Regional Trustee
Fabulous hospitality room and Saturday night ice cream social
3 p.m. Friday – On-site registration opens
7 p.m. Friday - Mini-Conference opens
9 a.m. Saturday - Conference Assembly opens

Doc John’s 37th Annual Memorial Day Picnic
Family-Friendly Event.
Bring a covered dish & something to cook on the grill.
Indian Riffle Park is off Stroop Road, Kettering, OH.
Come to the shelter closest to the road. Rain or shine.
Beginning at noon, May 28

Questions:
daleeman@yahoo.com
AA & A.A. Lead Meeting
begins at 3 p.m.
Sobriety Countdown

Our 21st Celebration of Recovery
2018 Miami Valley Winter Conference
Saturday, March 3
The Irish Club, 6555 Dog Leg Road, Dayton 45414
Joint AA/Al-Anon Conference
Still only $30
Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration.
First speaker about 9:30 a.m.
Info: Robin S. (937) 609-0659 or Carl G. (937) 271-0152
Register with form below or online at www.winterconference.com
Register by mail by Feb. 23 and get lunch included.
Make checks payable to MVWC, mail to MVWC, P.O. Box 292434, Dayton, OH 45429

Our 21st Celebration of Recovery
Saturday, March 3

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vegetarian
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Meetings seeking support

Have you started a new meeting? Does your meeting need support? Has your group changed location, time or format? Let Unity know!

Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Forest Park Group, O-L, Crossroads Club, 5235 Main St., Dayton. Needs Support

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m., Upon Awakening Group, O-D based on Daily Reflection reading Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. Needs Support

Monday, 7 p.m. Monday Eve’s Group C-D (Women) Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 3705 Far Hills Ave, Kettering.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. How It Works Group (ticket meeting) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton.

Monday, 8 p.m. Hilltop Group, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 100 E. Main St., Fairborn.

Monday, 8 p.m. Bellbrook O-D, Centerbrook Church 4030 W. Franklin St., (Ohio 725) Bellbrook.

Tuesday, 4 p.m. O-BB Study at Southside Club. 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering.

Tuesday 7 p.m. We Agnostics Too, O-D Meeting, Center for Spiritual Living, 4100 Bentfield Dr., Kettering, OH NEW MEETING

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. O-D Meeting Springboro Franklin Club, 778 West Central, Springboro.

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m Sober and Grateful Group O-D, One Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati and Albany Sts., Dayton Room 135.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Dunks and Donuts O.D., 15 S. St. Clair St., Dayton, OH 45402

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. O-L Trinity Lakeside Group has MOVED to the Westside Club, 3359 W. Second St., Dayton.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Pass It On Group, O-CC First Presbyterian Church 1130 Highview, Fairborn.

Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Sober Flyers, O-L Kennedy Union, U.D. Room 311

Thursday, 4 p.m. Drop the Rock (Women’s) book study, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. O-D Meeting, Springboro Franklin Club, 778 West Central, Springboro.

Friday, 7 p.m., O-D Relationships in Sobriety, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering.

Friday, 8 p.m. SOS Group Step meeting 12&12 first Friday, Sponsorship last Friday, Traditions & Steps in between. Englewood United Methodist Church 107 N. Walnut St., Englewood.

Saturday, Noon Before Saturday Night Group at Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton.

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. C-Step Study at South Side Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. Needs Support

Saturday, 7 p.m. La Luz Group at 427 Steele Ave., Dayton. St. Mary’s Center behind the church. It’s open to all and is a Big Book CD study in Spanish.

Saturday, 7 p.m. Saturday Night’s Special Group Epiphany Lutheran Church, 8430 Far Hills Ave., Centerville.

Saturday, 7 p.m. Drop the Rock, C-D, NEW MEETING, Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton.

Saturday, 7 p.m. Page Manor Group Joe and Charlie, Northside Fellowship Club, 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd. Huber Hts., NEW TIME

Service meetings

If your group doesn’t have an Intergroup Representative and a General Service Representative VOLUNTEER! Service keeps us sober!

Feb. 8 — Dayton Area Intergroup Meeting. NEW TIME: 7 p.m. NEW LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow St., at the corner of Fifth and Ludlow Sts. Parking behind the church.

Area 56 meetings — Important dates for 2018:
Feb. 17 — Area Assembly (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mini-Conference preparation)
March 16, 17, 18 — Area 56 Mini-Conference
April 22 - 26 — General Service Conference, New York
May 19 — Area Assembly (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unity Day)
Sept. 15 — Area Assembly (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inventory)

Alco-Aides Club

2206 E. Third St., Dayton, OH

- Breakfast on Sundays, 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., before the 10 a.m. lead meeting. $5 buys eggs, home fries, bacon or sausage, toast or biscuits, juice and small coffee.
- Artists wanted to display artwork in our card room. Call Terry at 254-0067.
- Volunteers needed to work at our food counter. Must be at least 30 days sober. Earn cash by the tips that you make. Call Terry or Miranda at 254-0067 or stop in and apply.
- Alco-Aides houses the Dayton Area Intergroup Archives.
- Saturday Breakfast Club 8 a.m. until noon. All-you-can-eat-pancakes $2.50+ tax.
- You can rent the card room for as little a $10 for your event.
- Saturday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Cards and game night. Bring the winning team to play dominoes, spades, euchre, or phase 10. No entry fee. Prizes awarded.
- Sunday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m. Super Bowl watching! Special menu, lots of good fellowship.
- Saturday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m. to midnight Valentine Dance. DJ is Gonzo Dave. Admission is $5 non-members, $3 for members, $8 for couples and $1 for children. Door prize and 50/50 raffle.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, starting at 11 a.m. through the entire day, Ash Wednesday Special Salmon Patties and Fried Potatoes $5 for adults, $3 for children.
- Sunday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m. Dayton 500. Special menu. Driver lottery before the race.
- Saturday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. KARAOKE with Gonzo Dave. Free admission, Family friendly.
- Saturday, March 3, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Traditions Chili Cook-off.
- Saturday, March 10, 8 p.m. KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Free event. Family friendly.
- Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m. St. Patty’s Dance. DJ is Gonzo Dave. Admission is $5 for non-members, $3 for members, $1 for children. Door prize and 50/50 raffle.
- Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket. Easter bunny will make a visit.

MW2

A.A. Men’s Workshop at Butler Springs
March 16-18

Registration limited to 165. Bring bedding, towels, pillows and toiletries. Cost for the weekend, which includes meals, lodging and refreshments, is $90. There are 4 hookups at the same cost of $90. Tent Campers or RV Campers welcomed at same cost of $90. Non-Smoking. Registration $30 non-refundable with the remaining $60 due on arrival.

Info: (937) 866-3245 www.MW2workshop.com
Make checks payable to: MW2 Workshop
Mail to: 1104 Sherwood Forest Drive West Carrollton, OH 45449

Name ____________________________
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_ $30.00 (registration) enclosed
_ $90.00 (total enclosed)
_ Check here if tent camping or RV camping

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Jan. 11 Dayton Intergroup minutes

CHAIR: John B. speedb22@yahoo.com
SECRETARY: Andi R. daytonintergroup@gmail.com
VICE CHAIR: Kathy H. kthaasgger@gmail.com
TREASURER: Jim T. interbott@gmail.com

Welcome: John B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Chuck B. read the Preamble and Howe B. read the Twelve Traditions.

Announcements: Glenn S. said the I Can Group on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at Miami Valley Hospital needs support. Ann P. said a new meeting, Drop the Rock, at Crossroads Club at 7 p.m. Saturdays begins Feb. 3. Howe B. said the pastor of the church needs us to keep the door closed and put any cigarette butts in a can, not scattered on the parking lot.

Brian H. said the OYPAA State Conference would be Sept. 14 - 16 at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH.

January Birthdays: Tony H. 6 years.


Secretary’s Report: New Secretary, Andi R., thanked Sam K. for getting minutes distributed from last meeting after Andi’s laptop crashed.

Treasurer’s Report:

| Opening balance | $24,600.74 |
| Deposits | $903.76 |
| Total Checks | $1,902.01 |
| Closing balance | $23,622.49 |
| Big Change from Small Change Balance | $2,843.79 |
| CD Balance | $5,450.47 |

Big Change from Small Change Contributions:

NOTE: Anyone taking minutes into corrects mistakes or facilities may contact Central Office or the corrections chair for information on how to access this fund for literature.

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Central Office Report: Kim B. Birthday Club didn’t bring in as much money as hoped. Chris P. showed Kim how to post flyers to the website. If you have a flyer that’s multi-color it will work for the web, but please send a plain black and white flyer as well if you’d like to have Central Office make paper copies. New directories will be ready at the end of January or first of February. Full report on Page 7.

Archives: Tom M.

- Archives is always looking for anything members would like to add to archives.
- Unity: Ann P. daytonunify@gmail.com
  - Please send all contributions by the 15th of the month through the link at aadaytononline.org or directly to daytonunify@gmail.com.
  - Please subscribe or renew subscriptions now.
- Unity mailing address is now the Central Office address.
- Unity will be published in PDF form on daytonaonline.org with a one-month delay.

Public Information & Cooperation with Professional Community:

- Need help to distribute literature to area library branches.
- Need additional responsible A.A.’s to be part of our 5-week rotation team at Momingstar in-patient treatment center, 136 Heid Ave. Meeting every Friday at 1 p.m.
- Responsible A.A.’s needed to meet request for a weekly A.A. meeting at Access Hospital, 2611 Wayne Ave., Dayton (across from Belmont High School) on Sundays at 7 p.m. Must be willing to go through a background check.
- St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelters seeking help to establish a weekly A.A. meetings at the men’s and women’s shelters on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- KBMC Kettering Behavior Medical Center, 5350 Lamme Rd. Moraine, OH 45439, seeking help to establish a weekly A.A. meeting on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
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Central Office December Report

TELEPHONE ACTIVITY
A.A. Related Calls ........................................... 383
Twelve Step Calls .............................................. 2
Al-Anon ............................................................ 6
Narcotics Anonymous ......................................... 5
Adult Children Of Alcoholics ................................. 2
Miscellaneous .................................................... 6
Total Calls ....................................................... 398

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
BEGINNING BALANCE ................................. $11,049.29
INCOME
Group Contributions (includes Birthday Club) .... $3,237.91
Literature Sales ............................................. $5,991.49
* Total monthly income ................................ $9,229.40
TOTAL ................................................. $9,229.40

SALES % CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS % CHANGE
DEC 2017 $5,991.49 -3.5% $3,237.91 -0.3% $9,229.10 -2.4%

When comparing December 2017 to December 2016 we have a combined percent change of negative 2.4%. Most of the negative change was due to a lag in literature sales when compared to last December.

For the entire year, sales were up by $2478 (3.6% change) and contributions were down by $1,595.46 (-3.6% change) when compared to 2016. We were up by $882 (0.8% change) overall.

We’re looking forward to being of service to the Dayton Area AA community in 2018. Hopefully we will be able to attain contributions at or above the 2016 level in 2018 while holding or surpassing our literature sales numbers from 2017.

Event Flyers
Central Office of Dayton is happy to display your event flyers and to post them on aadaysonline.org. Keep in mind that Central Office has a black and white printer so any color flyers with a lot of detail will not print well. It is highly suggested that a black and white version with minimum information be submitted for printing flyers to display in the office. Any flyers that your group wants posted to the website or printed for display in the office should be submitted in a .PDF or .DOC format and sent to the email address: centraloffice@aadaysonline.org. Your cooperation in this matter will help us relay your group event information.

NOTE: We do not post events of a purely social nature. The event must have an A.A. component such as a business meeting, Lead speaker or anniversary dinner with a meeting.

— Kim G.
Central Office

Good buys
Central Office of Dayton, Inc. has various types of literature and recovery related items for sale. Whether it’s reading material, meeting guides, tokens, or gifts, your Central Office has a great selection of items for sale. Stop by soon and shop local!

- A.A. Conference approved literature
- A variety of recovery related literature
- Lead CDs and Joe & Charlie CD sets
- Recovery related gift items that include key tags, bracelets, token holders and lapel pins, tokens both fancy and plain.

Help wanted to start meetings
St. Vincent de Paul is seeking A.A. members to start meetings at the Men’s Shelter at 1921 S. Gettysburg Ave. Dayton, OH 45417, and the Gateway Women’s Shelter at 120 W. Apple St., Dayton, OH 45402. These meetings are tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Warren G. (937) 409-7560 or warreng1aa@gmail.com for information.

Kettering Behavioral Medical Center (KBCM) at 5350 Lamme Lane, Moraine, OH 45439 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Contact Doug M. (937) 534-4648. Orientation will be given.

OYPAA needs YOU
Want to get involved with young people in A.A.? Be part of the host committee for the 2018 Ohio Conference of Young People in A.A.

The conference will be at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH, Sept. 14-16.

There is no age requirement, just an open mind.

The committee meets twice a month on Sundays at 4495 Salzman Rd., Middletown, OH 45044. Call (937) 286-7244 for more info. Register online at oypaa37.org.

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Saturday, Feb. 17
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Potluck Lunch At 12:30
(Meat Provided By Area 56)
Bring Your Favorite Dish
YOUR GROUP HAS A VOICE...
Come Share It!
St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
470 S. Gebhart Church Road
Miamiou, OH 45342
For More Info: Jenny C. (513) 289-7657

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