Self-support is a vital tradition

The financial report from Central office on page 7 of this issue raises a red flag about our ability to support A.A. on the local level.

I’m proud that my home group and the groups I regularly attend contribute to Central Office, Area 56 and the General Service Office in New York. These bodies make carrying the message possible. Without them A.A. would cease to exist.

Only 25% of our local groups contribute, yet all reap the benefits of having literature readily available. All benefit from the 24-hour answering service. All benefit from up-to-date meeting schedules online and in print. All benefit from the 12th Step List and service work coordinated by Central Office.

It’s time for groups to look at whether they are doing their fair share. Please support C.O., Area 56 and GSO!

Thank God for A.A.

— Ann P.

Fifth Step revelations

In Step Five, my sponsor focused the light of truth onto the unrealized driving forces of selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. Step Four had provided tools to “face and be rid of” these grosser handicaps … but still, countless other destructive little demons, of the grosser variety, lurked in some dark dank space deep inside. They freely frolicked in this invisible environment, happily protected from the Sunlight-Of-The-Spirit.

It was as though they were protected under a very opaque umbrella, woven with the fabric the grosser handicaps of selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear.

My sponsor informed me that Step Five was to include a detailed revelation of these particular grosser defects of character and shortcomings. Those little demons and devils of conceit, jealousy, carelessness, intolerance, ill temper, and all the rest of it were about to be exposed — not only to my sponsor but also to GOD! Although my sponsor had not the power to close that umbrella, the Big Book tells me that God could and would if he were sought! (Those little fiends must have been trembling down there!) The sunlight of the Spirit was about to shine on those little fiends — for they cannot survive in the sunlight of God’s Truth, because an alcoholic cannot drink on the truth!

The Fifth Step promises (p. 75) tell us that we now begin to have a spiritual experience. Well, the realization that God is soon to-remove the very things that blocked me from seeing and acting on the truth-in-drink indeed speaks to a radical inner transformation! I believe the main goal of this vital step is to allow us (me) to realize exactly what dominant inner forces have blocking the truth-in-drink; only then will I know exactly what imperfections to ask God to remove in Steps Six and Seven.

It was very important that I acted before my mind decided to remember only what it wanted to remember. I believe that the Big Book timetable is very important here! We are told to do Step Four at once, Step Five at first opportunity, review for a short period of one hour and then (not later) do Step Six, go right into Step Seven when ready. Steps Five, Six and Seven are often referred to as the same day steps.

I am very happy that my sponsor, Carl, helped me close that umbrella via the Big Book directions. I haven’t had a drink of booze since!

— Bob S., Richmond, IN

Taking the Fifth Step

After years of alcoholic drinking, beaten by alcohol, I was sick and tired of the degradation of drunkenness. In 1998, I finally surrendered and honestly admitted I was a powerless alcoholic and needed help from God and A.A.

“If you have already made a decision, and an inventory or your grosser handicaps, you have made a good beginning. That being so you have swallowed and digested some big chunks of truth about yourself.” Alcoholics Anonymous. (p. 71)

After two “dry run” inventories, in 1989 and 1995 where I hung on to the deep, dark “I am taking these secrets to my grave” attempts at a Fifth Step, I lived in fear daily. I only thought I had lost my fears and my distorted ego.

What I really had lost was any sense of being a decent human. As a real alcoholic, I chose a prison of lies and kept on drinking, which increased my grosser handicaps and the harms I did to others and to myself. Oh, I had swallowed some chunks all right and drank again.

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Many more promises

Everyone knows about the Promises read at the start of most meetings in the Dayton area. They are the 9th Step Promises. But other steps contain promises as well. Here are just a few:

1st Step Promise (Page 42)
* I felt my alcoholic condition was relieved, as in fact it proved to be.

2nd Step Promises (Page 50)
* They found that a new power, peace, happiness, and sense of direction flowed into them.

4th Step Promises (Page 70)
* We have begun to learn tolerance, patience and good will toward all men, even our enemies, for we look on them as sick people.
* We have listed the people we have hurt by our conduct, and are willing to straighten out the past if we can.

5th Step Promises (Page 75)
* We are delighted. We can look at the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator. We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience. The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will often come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe.

10th Step Promises (Page 84)
* We have ceased fighting anything or anyone — even alcohol, for by this time sanity will have returned.
* We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. We react sanely and normally, and we will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it. We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation. We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality-safe and protected. We have not even sworn off. Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky nor are we afraid. That is our experience. That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition.

11th Step Promises (Page 86)
* We can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all, God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane. Our thinking is cleared of wrong motives. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come.

12th Step Promises (Page 132)
* We aren't a glum lot. We absolutely insist on enjoying life … nor do we carry the world's troubles on our shoulders. We think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness. We bust into merriment. We have recovered, and have been given the power to help others.
Step 5
Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Now that we have a list (Step 4) what are we to do with it? We don’t act like Santa Claus, checking it twice to see who was naughty or nice. It’s time to share our resentments and come face to face with our character defects. The Big Book states, “This business of resentments is infinitely grave. We found it to be fatal. For when harboring such feelings we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the spirit.” (p. 66).

However, why should we share these things with another human being? I know as a newcomer I read the 12 Steps and said to myself, “that one is OK,” or “I can do that one,” but when Steps 5 and 9 were read I said, “No way, not going to happen.”

The problem with not doing this step is that the chances of staying sober are pretty slim. On page 77 the Big Book tells us the best reason for admitting our liabilities to another person: “If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk.”

Because I am not a good judge of character, especially my own, I needed to confide in someone else. For me it was about integrity, something I had lost along the way.

Lastly, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions tells me why I need to share: “Somehow being alone with God doesn’t seem as embarrassing as facing up to another person. Until we actually sit down and talk aloud about what we have so long hidden, our willingness to clean house is still largely theoretical.” (p. 60). I share my inventory because I was great at self-deception. I used to tell myself I didn’t have a drinking problem as I sank deeper into the abyss of alcoholism.

— Troy A., Liberty Twp., OH
(Reprinted from March 2013 Unity)

Tradition 5
Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Tradition five reminds me we need to work the Traditions as much as we do the Steps. It also reminds me that as we grow in recovery we must change what we are willing to do to keep it.

First we become willing to help set up for meetings, begin to share more at meetings and sign up to chair meetings.

Then we begin the change that comes from growth in recovery. We get more directly involved with the parts of the fellowship that reach outside the group to the still suffering alcoholic. These are things connected with committee work like corrections, public information, cooperation with the professional community, literature and others. Some get involved with general service work at group, district and area levels. Many tend to describe these as the political part of A.A. Nothing could be further from the truth. They are the technical things that insured that A.A. was here when we needed it and will insure that it will be here for those to come.

Certainly, none of these are that unusual and are common to those who had the type of sobriety and an eternal foundation of hope I wanted when I got here.

They are the ones who showed me that we need to work the Traditions. The ones who taught me we shouldn’t just assume the Traditions are what keep the groups together as we hear too often at meetings, and leave them for others to worry about.

If it weren’t for Tradition Five and the outpouring of love I got from groups that were working it when I got here I wouldn’t be sharing this love or enjoying yours. Thank you.

— Garwood F. Piqua OH
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Concept 5
Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Concept 5 allows every member of our fellowship, including our Trustees and corporate employees, the right to appeal any issue to our Board of Trustees.

Here is how this Concept works. Imagine that you have an opinion on a topic, which is addressed by your group, or district or even your area assembly. Suppose that even after the vote on the issue your position lost, your minority opinion was asked for, then presented and still the issue did not get resolved in the manner you supported. You have the right, thanks to Concept 5, to appeal your position all the way down the service triangle to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. This allows for all of us to carry a grievance through the service structure to get our issue heard and assure that our fellowship gives everyone a full opportunity for redress of his or her issues.

A few years ago, some members of our Board of Trustees had a minority opinion on a particular issue before the Board. After the vote, the minority opinion was heard and the vote was not changed. The Trustees on the losing side wanted to then appeal the decision in accordance with Concept 5, but there was no procedure to hear this appeal. After all, this particular issue started and ended at the Board of Trustees.

In 2011, the Conference approved a procedure to allow the General Service Conference to hear appeals such as these and from others below the level of the Board of Trustees.

— Mark E., Lebanon, OH
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Taking the Fifth Step

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I was not so sure about this new relationship with a creator. I knew I needed God’s help to remove my character defects, identified in my Fourth Step inventory. Just as important was my desperation to stay sober and live. Fear gripped my heart and soul but a deeper trepidation held me to this course of action. I would drink again if I did not do this Fifth Step.

If I wanted my defects, my self-will run riot- cast out, “This requires action on our part...” (p. 72). I was now willing to take the actions and follow some suggestions from a sponsor and from the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. Remember, this was my third time trying the Fifth Step. I do not recommend this method.

The Fifth Step outlined clear-cut directions and a timetable in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on page 72 to the top of page 76. It left little wiggle room for this drunk. My sponsor suggested I write a fearless and thorough moral inventory and then “pocket my pride” for my Fifth Step.

I was newly and nearly two months sober when my sponsor and I prayed the Third Step prayer, asking for God’s help for me to be as honest and as humble as I could be. Admitting to God was easy, but this admitting to another human being my exact wrongs was the threshold of humility I had to cross. As I shared my dark and twisted past, she shared some of hers. I learned I was not unique and was not as horrible a person as I thought I was.

After sharing my Fifth Step to the best of my ability, I felt a sense of lightness and a new nearest of this Higher Power those in A.A. meetings spoke of. Remember, I was desperate so I followed the clear-cut directions on page 75. I took the Big Book in hand and for an hour or so, reviewed the first five proposals. I thanked my sponsor and I prayed the Third Step prayer, asking for God’s help for me to be as honest and humble as I could be. Admitting to God was easy, but this admitting to another human being my exact wrongs was the threshold of humility I had to cross. As I shared my dark and twisted past, she shared some of hers. I learned I was not unique and was not as horrible a person as I thought I was.

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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)** Faithmont Presbyterian Church, 3705 Far Hills Ave, Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Monday, 7:30 p.m., How It Works Group** (ticket meeting) Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Monday, 5 p.m., Hilltop Group**, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 100 E. Main St., Fairborn. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Monday, 5 p.m., Bellbrook O-D**, Centerbrook Church 4030 W. Franklin St. (Ohio 725) Bellbrook. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Tuesday, 4 p.m., O-BB Study** at Southside Club. 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., O-D Meeting** Springboro Franklin Club, 778 West Central, Springboro. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sober and Grateful Group O-D**, One Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati and Albany Sts., Dayton, Room 135. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., We Agnostics AA3, O-D** Yellow Springs Universal Unitarian Fellowship, 2884 U.S. 68, Yellow Springs, OH
- **Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dunks and Donuts O-D, 15 S. St. Clair St., Dayton, OH 45402 NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Wednesday 7:30 p.m., O-L Trinity Lakeside Group** has NEEDS SUPPORT 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. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Thursday, 4 p.m., Drop the Rock (Women’s) book study, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Thursday, 5:30 p.m., O-D You Are Not Alone**, at South Side Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Friday, 5:30 p.m., O-D Joe and Charlie**, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Friday, 7 p.m., O-D Come As You Are**, St. Paul United Methodist Church, 301 E. Main St., New Paris, OH 45347 NEW MEETING
- **Friday, 7 p.m., O-D Friday Night Sobriety**, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEW NAME — NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Friday, 7:30 p.m., I Can Group** at Miami Valley Hospital. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Friday, 8 p.m., SOS Group** Step meeting 12&12 first Friday, Sponsorship last Friday, Traditions & Steps in between. Englewod United Methodist Church 107 N. Walnut St., Englewod. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Saturday, Noon, Before Saturday Night Group** at Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Saturday, 12:30 p.m., C-Step Study** at South Side Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Saturday, 1 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. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Saturday, 4 p.m., O-D Self Worth Group**, Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
- **Saturday, 7 p.m., Saturday Night’s Special Group** Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 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 Heights, NEW TIME

Service meetings

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

- **May 10 — 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:**
  - May 19 — Area Assembly (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unity Day) More info on page 8.

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, May 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mother’s Day Bouquet Bazaar. We will have various vendors displaying their crafts for sale: jewelry, homemade linens and cards, Tupperware, paintings and more, also a bake sale. Cinco de Mayo menu.
- Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m. to midnight Mother’s Day Dance with DJ Gonzo Dave. Admission is $5 for non-members, $3 for members, $1 for children. Door price and 50/50 with special menu.
- Saturday, May 19, noon to 4 p.m. CARWASH Donations accepted. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs on from the grill while you wait, $3 per plate.
- Friday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., Friday Night Summer Cookouts start. Every Friday night until Labor Day after the Happy Hour meeting until closing, hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill, $3 a plate.
- Saturday May 26, Holiday Cookout with Car Wash from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill, $3 a plate and donations for the car wash. Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m., $1 a scoop. And KARAOKE at 8 p.m., a family friendly event with DJ Gonzo Dave and free admission.
- Sunday and Monday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 & 28, Holiday Cookout 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill, $3 a plate.

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.

Service at Southside Club

Southside Club has service opportunities for individuals with at least nine months of sobriety who have worked the 12 Steps, and would like to Co-Chair Beginner meetings MTW 7pm • T 10am • TH 2:30pm The meetings are to help newly sober people better understand AA, the first three steps and other aspects of the program. For details, contact us at southsideboard3040@gmail.com.

New meeting at New City Church

Beginning this month, a new open discussion meeting is being started at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at New City Church, 4800 N. Dixie Drive, Dayton. Already at this site is an open discussion meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursdays which needs support. This location is the old stone church near Frederick Pike on N. Dixie Drive.
April 12 Intergroup minutes

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Because we were unable to get into the church, we met very briefly in the parking lot. Here is what was discussed or reported on by committee chairs and Intergroup Representatives.

Treasurer’s Report:
Opening balance .......................................................... $17,584.10
Deposits ................................................................. $2,625.22
Total Checks (Service Charge) ....................................... $958.12
Closing balance .......................................................... $19,551.20
Big Change from Small Change Balance ......................... $3,683.65
CD Balance ................................................................. $5,450.79

Big Change from Small Change Contributions

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

Group Name March YTD
Anonymous ................................................................. $7.00
Dan’s S. Can ......................................................... $173.00 $483.50
Englewood Friends ................................................... $20.00
Full Measures ......................................................... $60.00
Huber Heights Serenity .............................................. $80.70
No Name Grp-Y’Springs ............................................ $73.12 $307.68
Ontario Group .......................................................... $24.00 $137.00
Sisters in Sobriety-NFC .............................................. $3.50
S.M.A.R.T. Group-CRC .............................................. $43.00
Spiritual Maintenance-CRC ....................................... $61.27 $184.37
Trinity East ............................................................... $33.58 $94.58
Trotwood ................................................................. $33.25 $94.70
Vandalia Thurs. AM ................................................... $21.10
Washington Church .................................................. $136.00
Zippo ...................................................................... $20.00
Checks written ......................................................... $579.12

Monthly Balance ....................................................... ($180.90)
Ending Balance ........................................................ $3,683.65


Archives: Tom M.
• Will have a display at the Intergroup Banquet May 5.

Unity: Ann P. daytonunity@gmail.com
• Please send all contributions by the 15th of the month through the link at aadaytonline.org or directly to daytonunity@gmail.com.

Public Information & Cooperation with Professional Community: Warren G. warrenq1aa@gmail.com

Special Events: Phil B. phbayley@woh.rr.com
Phil asked for and obtained volunteers to sell 50/50 ticlets at the May 5th Intergroup Banquet and to do the Sobriety Countdown. Mary Anne from Cincinnati will be our speaker. Tickets and flyers are out. Price is still $25. We need to sell 280 tickets to break even.

Grapevine:
• Go to http://www.aagrapevine.org to explore what online Grapevine offers.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Next Intergroup meeting May 10 at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church.

Area 56 news

A.A. a solution for all generations

Reflecting on this year’s theme for the General Service Conference many stories and experiences of Bill W. come to mind. In February, 1961, in Language of the Heart in the chapter titled, “The Shape of Things to Come,” Bill writes, “Perhaps our very first realization should be that we can’t stand still. We have to grow or else deteriorate. For us the status quo can be for today, never for tomorrow. Change we must – we cannot stand still. The principles that first liberated us have then held us in unity, and have enabled us to function and to grow as A.A. members and as a whole.”

A.A. continues to maintain its growth through literature, providing timely messages for all people for all time, and pamphlets that address many needs: young people in A.A., those with accessibility needs, mental health issues, older alcoholics, those in correctional facilities, in the military, Gay and Lesbian, Black and African Americans, and the ever increasing publication of the Big Book currently in 71 languages.

Bill’s life was full of adventure, experiment, forward thinking and invention. Bill showed us how to receive the gift of life. He understood the goal of strengthening our self-support.

Spiritual inspiration also comes from Bernard B. Smith, on page 280 of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, “But this Third Legacy of Service has a string to it. And the string is that we are granted the use of this legacy for a lifetime upon the condition that we will not only look after it, but increase its spiritual content for the generations that will follow us. Each succeeding generation, as it receives this legacy, must similarly protect it if they wish to employ it and gain life by it and pass it on to the next generation with an enriched spiritual content.”

In October 1969, at the First World Service meeting, Bill set out the objectives of that meeting 1) to consider the future development of world services, 2) to strengthen world service work already existing abroad, 3) to increase the number of service centers, 4) to provide for them an orderly plan of evolution, 5) to assist in strengthening their self-support. Bill said, “We welcome our delegate friends from around the world as we join together to assure that help will always be available for sick alcoholics wherever they are or whatever language they speak.”

In 1935, two drunks met and talked in the library of a home in Akron, Ohio. Today, the challenge remains to continue that legacy of which we are reminded when we recite our Responsibility Statement: “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.”

Pass It On, The story of Bill Wilson and how the A.A. message reached the world, quotes this letter to the A.A. General Service Office: “I’ll never forget the first time I met Bill Wilson. I was a couple of months sober and so excited, so thrilled to actually meet the co-founder that I pushed all over him with what my sobriety meant to me and my unifying gratitude for his starting A.A. When I ran down, he took my hand in his and said simply, ‘Pass it on.’ “

~ Jenny C., Delegate, Area 56
March 2018 Central Office Report

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YTD 2018

|          | $14,728.68 | -21.9% | $12,484.62 | 6.0%  | $27,213.30 | -9.11% |

2017 averages

|          | $5,715.91 |       | $3,721.96 |       | $9,437.87 |       |

March 2018 was a dismal month for Central Office. Overall we are down 9% for the year. Literature sales were well behind the March 2017 sales (almost 50%) and even lower than the 2017 average month. Contributions lagged behind the March 2017 numbers by almost 6% and were around $2,000 behind the 2017 average monthly contribution. The overall March 2018 numbers are over 30% lower than 2018.

Please consider these facts and discuss this in your groups. Central Office provides many important services like the 24/7 phone service, maintaining a 12-Step call list, providing a clearinghouse for A.A. information for newcomers, professionals and current members of A.A., as well as, offering a wide selection of A.A. literature and other recovery material.

Please support YOUR Central Office by buying your literature at the office and through group donations.

--- Kim G. – Manager, 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
- Al-Anon and Alateen 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.

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Central Office March Report

**TELEPHONE ACTIVITY**

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

BEGINNING BALANCE: $12,588.58

**INCOME**

- Group Contributions (includes Birthday Club): $3,087.80
- Literature Sales: $4,363.19
- Outstanding Checks: -
- "Total monthly income": $7,450.99
- TOTAL EXPENSES: $20,039.57

**EXPENSES**

- Rent and Utilities: $385.00
- Phone, listing, Internet- includes Night Owl: $216.96
- Parking: $135.00
- Accounting Service & Legal Fees: $137.50
- Wages: $3,743.06
- Printing Expense: -
- Office Supplies and Expenses: $385.52
- Literature Purchases: $2,440.49
- Postage-Freight: $14.99
- Taxes-WH-State-Local-Sales Tax-BWC: $1,601.05
- Merchant Services Expense: $68.44
- Contributions - OYPAA, Area 56: -
- Adjustment to balance: -
- **"Total monthly expenses":** $9,128.01

**MONTH END BALANCE:** $10,911.56

*NOTE: March income did not cover March expenses. If your group does not support Central Office, Area 56 and GSO, ask why!*

**Dayton Area Central Office**

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centraloffice@aadaytononline.org

**Credit cards are accepted!**

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon
Books, CDs, tokens, jewelry, book covers

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*Seeking 12th Steppers*

Central Office maintains a list of volunteers willing and able to perform 12th Step work. It is recommended that volunteers have at least one year of continuous sobriety and be 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. (Always take someone with you.)

Central Office staff contacts you when there is a request for help. If you are available, you are provided with the details you need to make the call or visit.

To sign-up contact Central Office at 222-2211, or 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.