God as we understood him

Very few of today's two-million-plus A.A. members claim to possess a satisfying scientific definition of God. However, there exists undeniable evidence that God's power has released countless of its members from alcoholic obsession.

Steps Three and Eleven contain the phrase, "God, as we understood Him." When I was new, I found this insert both challenging and confusing; consequently, I soon found myself delving into books on theology, theosophy, philosophy, and other mystical readings — but to no avail.

I soon realized that I was no further along understanding God than when I started. Months of studying left me without any satisfying logical or scientific definition — what do? After all, am I not supposed to "understand God!" If not, perhaps my sobriety would be in jeopardy! Confusing times!

But then, I came across a watershed idea from Bill W.'s Oxford mentor, the Rev. Sam Shoemaker who wrote: "Step Two is not theological; it is evidential!" Of course, I could plainly see the evidence of God's work by simply observing numerous members with many years' sobriety around A.A. tables; they all claimed that contact with God, or a "Higher Power," was keeping them sober. It was evidential! I had been barking up the wrong tree! I no longer need search for a logical definition of God, but I still needed to improve my conscious contact with God. Step Eleven convinced me that I could begin to know God through prayer and meditation — then there would be no need of a logical or scientific understanding of Him.

I have come to believe that I need to contact (know) God from my deep innermost self (heart) and not from my ever-inquiring alcoholic mind. I had been searching for God from the wrong place all along! After all, doesn't the Big Book speak of the "Great Reality deep within?" (p. 55). So, in conclusion, I restate the cartoon above: "The better I understand God, the less I know God."

— Bob S., Richmond, IN

Understanding steps an ever-expanding adventure

As the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions states, "Step Six is the step that separates the men from the boys." (And the women from the girls.)

The Sixth Step requires a fearless look at what is blocking me from a life of usefulness, serenity, sobriety and joy — and a willingness to have these blocks removed.

There is so little in the Big Book about Step Six: only a paragraph. The Twelve and Twelve enlarges and explains this step. I can't imagine working Step Six out of the Big Book alone. Thank goodness for the advent of new meetings focusing on Steps Six and Seven.

Since each group is autonomous, according to Tradition Four, some groups, choosing to use books like Drop the Rock and The Ripple Effect, are cropping up here and there. They are helpful to old-timers and newer members alike. Taken as suggestions, and read with the Twelve and Twelve, they help expand understanding.

As Page 164 of the Big Book states: "Our book is meant to be suggestive only. We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us."

We must remember the story of poor Jim who "failed to enlarge his spiritual life" and found himself drunk half a dozen times in rapid succession. Every resource I can use to enlarge my spiritual life is one more piece of insurance against a drink!

— Anonymous
Statement of purpose
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PI/CPC Committee Report
** Brookville High School asked for A.A. representatives to speak to three health classes on May 4. Taylor R. and Ashley H. made presentations.
** St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelters — Lou O., and Glen S. are attending the Men’s Shelter on Gettysburg on Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. More male A.A.s are welcome to attend. Female A.A.s are needed to establish a meeting at the Women’s Shelter at 120 W. Apple Street in Dayton.
** Genesis New Lebanon Center — Ella S. and Chandra A. are in contact with the director of Social Services to establish a monthly meeting at this secure Mental Health and Recovery Unit at 101 Mills Place, New Lebanon, OH, 45345.
** Morning Star meeting on Friday a 1 p.m. has moved to 732 Beckman. This is the Nova House near Wayne and Wilmington. Some confusion at Nova House due to the transition. More team members for the five-week rotation are welcome and needed. People currently participating are (Kat, Roger, Ryan, Ann, Dan, Sam, Lou, Howie and Jonathan).

HELP NEEDED
Access Hospital Dayton. Jonathan B. showed interest. Thanks. Responsible A.A. members are needed to meet request for a weekly meeting on Sunday at 7 p.m. Volunteers must be willing to undergo a background check. The hospital is located at 2611 Wayne, Ave., across from Belmont High School.
Kettering Behavior Medical Center at 5350 Lamme Road, Moraine OH 45439, needs responsible A.A.s to establish a weekly meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Orientation is required by hospital staff.
Special thanks to those supporting the PI/CPC committee’s work including Alec V., Ann P., Ashley H., Chandra O., Dan W., Dave B., Denny W., Ella S., Gary L., Glen S., Howie H., John D., Jonathan B., Kat, Laurie T., Lou O., Roger, Roxanne, Ryan, Sam K., Scott D., Steve B., Taylor R. and Twila W.
For more information: Warren G. (937) 409-7560 or warren11a@gmail.com

A.Y.P. 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 4485 Salzman Rd., Middletown, OH 45044.
Call (937) 286-7244 for more info. Register online at oypaa37.org.

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A.A. history
The Four Absolutes
Some people are curious to know more about the Four Absolutes, which are the foundation principles of our program. What were the “Four Absolutes” that were part of the Oxford Group?
The Oxford Group, a Christian fellowship out of which A.A. grew, had four guiding spiritual goals that they tried to practice to the fullest extent possible. These ideals called for:
Absolute Honesty, Absolute Unselfishness, Absolute Love and Absolute Purity.
The absolutes were used by the Oxford Group in at least three specific ways:
1 – As a way to take inventory of our past to see where we fell short and in what ways.
2 – During meditation or while being inspired or guided by our Inner Voice, as a way to differentiate between “God” thoughts and human thoughts.
3 – As a standard of living, moment by moment.
How can I know God’s Will for me? Use the Four Absolutes. When I am examining my thoughts, words, and actions:
Am I acting out of Love?
Am I being honest?
Am I acting unselfishly?
Are my motives pure?
When I am doubtful or between activities:
Ask: How would God have me be in the present or upcoming situation?
In 1948, Dr. Bob called the Absolutes “the only yardsticks” A.A. had in the early days, before the official Twelve Steps. He said he still felt they held good and could be extremely helpful when he wanted to do the right thing and the answer was not obvious.
“Almost always, if I measure my decision in any way, I’ll do God’s will,” he said.
Bill Wilson included the absolutes specifically in Steps 4, 5, 10 & 11 as found in the Big Book. However, he used them in their opposite self-will form, since we need to see where self-will fails us:

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**Step 6**

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

For this alcoholic, this step is often the most baffling. According to the authors of the Big Book it is decision time again. However, does this require action or merely acceptance and surrender?

How about both a spiritual surrender and an active use of the will to turn our defects over to a power greater than ourselves. All this requires is a readiness to become willing — willing to take responsibility for my actions and stop blaming alcohol.

On pages 75 & 76 of the Big Book, Step 6 is described in two short paragraphs. First it states that this step should be taken as soon as possible after doing Step 5.

Finding a quiet hour we review what we have done so far.

“Carefully reading the first five proposals we ask if we have omitted anything, for we are building an arch through which we shall walk a free man at last” (pg.75). We should be sure that we have taken the first five steps as thoroughly and honestly as we could. If we can say yes then we are "ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable" (pg.76).

God doesn’t remove all our character defects at once, but does remove enough for us to begin to be of service to him.

God works in mysterious ways and on his own timetable. It is time to be an adult and face up to my character defects. They are mine and mine alone. I need to take blame out of the picture and stop being a victim; victims don’t recover.

How do we do this step? Honesty, open mindedness and willingness, that’s how. It is amazing how fast a willingness to change becomes a new way of life.

Finally, “LET GO & LET GOD!”

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

**Tradition 6**

(Long Form) Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business.

Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals, which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups.

Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Tradition 6 names the diversions, against which we should be on guard. We have a primary spiritual aim which money, property and prestige can burst wide open and devour.

We must remember, Tradition 6 has a gentle whisper toward humility where it says, "our primary spiritual aim is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers!" Ask yourself, does this refer to those who come and enjoy our coffee, or those who don’t know where that coffee is.

Tradition 6 also enjoins the group never to go into business nor lend the A.A. name or money to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Also strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the A.A. name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual A.A. members who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

- Garwood F., Piqua OH
  (Reprinted from 2013 Unity)

**Concept 6**

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concept 6 restates the wishes of our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob; that the Conference act as the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous since the mortality of our co-founders was evident to them both. This Concept directs that the decisions and guidance offered by the Conference are given to our Board of Trustees to fulfill the wishes of the Fellowship.

As a member of an A.A. group, we delegate the group conscience to our GSR (General Service Representative) and every group in our Area has the right to do likewise. The active GSRs bring their group conscience to their Districts and to the Area Assembly where the Delegate receives the group conscience of the whole Area.

In turn, the delegate takes our Area 56 conscience to the General Service Conference where, with 92 other delegates, we express our combined conscience to our Board of Trustees.

At the conference for which I served, we expressed our combined conscience on subjects such as the Grapevine and La Viña, the structure of our two service corporations, the wording of the short form of the 11th Tradition and many other topics.

All of the members of our Board of Trustees were present and active members of the Conference, and they are then responsible in assuring the actions of the Conference are implemented.

So, invite your delegate to your Group, District or Intergroup meeting to report on the results of the Conference.

- Mark E., Panel 62, Area 56 Delegate
  (Reprinted from 2013 Unity)
Step three is not on page 63!

No, but I understand the confusion! For many years I thought the Third Step Prayer was the Step Three decision.

I attached it on my refrigerator door and after finally having it memorized I would repeat it over and over with great sincerity thinking I was actually “turning it over,” as goes the cliché.

Yes, it felt good and I felt sure I was following the Big Book’s clear-cut directions. But was I?

Let’s take a gander at the bottom paragraph on page 62:

“This is the how and the why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn’t work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.”

Please note I have bolded the word “decided.” This is when and where the Big Book tells us we have made the Third Step decision: “Made a decision to turn our will and life over to the care of God, as we understood him.” So, prayer on page 63 is not the Big Book’s Step Three decision!

Then what is the Third Step Prayer? Well, a decision minus action is only a thought or an intention. So, the Third Step Prayer is asking for God’s help to transfer our decision into action. The prayer begins with an affirmation, “God, I offer myself to thee…etc.”

Then we asked God for help:

“Relieve me of the bondage of self…etc.”

“Take away my difficulties…etc.”

“May I do thy will always.”

So, our Third Step decision is to be made on page 62, and the prayer on page 63 is asking God to help us carry it out—to manifest our decision, if you will.

— Bob S., Richmond, IN

Where are you now?

Were you in the program in the 1990s or the year 2000 on up?
Did you come to the West Dayton Club?
Did you get your first 24-hour token, 30-day token or more at the West Dayton Club?
Are you still sober today?
Do you recall the applause you received, or watching someone else receive theirs as they came up to the podium to get a token? It was like being at a pep rally!

The treatment centers and the VA residents were all welcomed. Today you are still welcome.

Do you remember the dances on Saturday nights, the music, the New Year’s Eve Party? The dance floor would be so packed that the floors would sweat along with those who were dancing. It was a joyous time.

Well good news!
The Club is still here! Today the West Dayton Club is now the Westside Club. We are looking for you. Your face and knowledge are needed to help those seeking a solution and to let them know, “WE DO RECOVER,” and have fun doing it sober.

We have our regular meetings during the week and weekends. Check out our meetings in the 2018 Meeting Schedule or online at www.aadaytononline.org or, download the Meeting Guide App — you know, the one with the folding chair icon. Put the Westside Club under your favorites.

The only thing we are missing is YOU! Come see us and Pass It On.

— Janet W.
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. NEEDS SUPPORT

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

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

Monday, 8 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, 6:30 p.m., O-D, New City Church, 4800 N. Dixie Drive, Dayton. NEW MEETING — 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. NEW MEETING

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dunks and Donuts O-D, 15 S. 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

Thursday, 7 p.m., O-D, New City Church, 4800 N. Dixie Drive, Dayton. 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. Englewood United Methodist Church 107 N. Walnut St., Englewood. 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, Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton, NEEDS SUPPORT.

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!

June 14 — Dayton Area Intergroup Meeting, 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow St., at the corner of Fifth and Ludlow Sts. Parking in rear.

Area 56 meetings — Important dates for 2018:

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.

Friends of Bill W.

Primitive Camping Weekends

Group Campsite, Germantown Metro Park 7350 Boomershine Road.

June 8 – 10
July 14 – 8
Aug. 10 – 12
Aug. 31 – Sept. 4
Oct. 26 – 28

Campfire meetings Saturdays at 9:35 p.m. No cost to join us, but a basket will be passed. Extra tents available for any who want to stay and camp. Call Dave J. for details (937) 301-6026

Northside Fellowship Club

Save the date!

Corrections Fest

Saturday, Nov. 10
Work 2-3 pm
Fest 3-6 pm
Eastside Center
1134 Old State Route 74
Batavia, OH 45103

For more information, leave your name and number at (513) 444-7189.

Save the date! Crossroads Club Picnic Saturday July 7 More will be revealed!
May 10 Intergroup minutes

CHAIR: Kathy H. kharssin@gmail.com
SECRETARY: Ann R. gretami@gmail.com
VICE CHAIR: Tony H. ahueguy@gmail.com
TREASURER: Jim T. interbetti@gmail.com

Welcome: Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Warren read the Preamble and Harvey read the Twelve Traditions.

Announcements: no announcements.

May A.A. Birthdays: no A.A. birthdays.


Secretary’s Report: Closing old Intergroup email address, using new Yahoo Intergroup email address daytonintergroup@yahoo.com; seeking backup secretary.

Treasurer’s Report:

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If your group collects Big Change money, you can drop it off at Central Office.

Central Office Report: Kim G.


Archives: Tom M.
- Archives is always looking for anything members would like to add to archives.

Unity: Ann P. daytonunity@gmail.com.
- As always, need articles for June Unily by May 15th.
- Lots of summer activities, get announcements in ASAP
- Subscriptions are holding stable
- Always need articles for steps, traditions, personal stories, etc.

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community: warrenj1aa@gmail.com

Warren G. provided an extensive report on progress with this committee. Full report on Page 2.

Corrections: No report

Outreach: No report

Special Events: Phil B. pbaleyley@woh.rr.com

- Successful Intergroup banquet on Saturday, thanks to all who helped out. There were 287 paid attendees, however, there was tremendous competition, proms, graduations, weddings, etc., resulting in a $1,900 shortfall.
- There will be a breakfast in November, there are good margins on breakfast, and we should make up the difference at that time. We usually reach 100 more people at breakfast than at dinner.

Web: No report.

Membership: OYPAA is going to have a gong show/talent show to help raise money for their conference in September. They are conducting a talent search right now. Anyone interested please contact the OYPAA rep. More info on Page 8.

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 recovery.

Area 56 news

General Service Conference report

The General Service Conference, held at the Crowne Plaza Times Square from April 21-28, proved to be an incredible week of meetings, discussion, voting, presentations, learning, exploring and fellowship! It was truly a spiritual experience. A fellow A.A. from India traveled to New York to visit and observe.

On one of our mornings together we put on plastic ponchos in the rain, boarding the subway and riding to the General Service Office for a visit with a staff member leading the way, raising his umbrella and shouting, GSO! GSO! It was a wonderful opportunity to see our GSO Staff in their offices and be able to see what they are working on.

Former Area 56 Delegate Mary C., who is now serving on the International Committee, was especially welcoming and helpful to all. People also made sure to circulate throughout the week eating at different tables and sitting in different locations throughout the conference to be sure to meet as many delegates and staff as possible. There was such a warm spirit of caring and concern for one another, people always asking how you were doing and if they could answer any questions or help in any way, especially the staff who were very attentive. One of the highlights at the conference was electronic voting that they have in place now – it sure beats raising hands and counting. The days were long and full of meetings with regional, committee and full conference.

I am most fortunate to have had a birthday and an A.A. anniversary to celebrate that week. I had 92 other delegates singing happy birthday to me, and another delegate who chaired the A.A. early bird meeting drew a ‘token’ on a piece of paper to give me on my anniversary.

For a full report of voting results, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to come to a group or meeting to provide the information.

~ Jenny C., Delegate
April 2018 Central Office Report

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After a very slow start to 2018, it was great to have a profitable April. We were up 19.2% over April of 2017 and we were up 27.5% in contributions when compared to 2017. Overall, we are right at 1% above this time last year.

I’d like to thank those of you who buy your literature from Central Office and make regular contributions. Without your support we would not be able to continue to provide vital services to the A.A. community.

Just a few of the services we provide are: 24-hour phone service through the Nite Owl Program, maintaining a list of people to perform 12-Step calls, keeping the meeting directories up-to-date and selling a variety of recovery literature. For those who haven’t been to the Office in a while, I urge you to visit.

— 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 book covers, key rings, bracelets, token holders and lapel pins, tokens both fancy and plain.

Open? Closed? What do those terms mean?

Meetings in our schedule booklet are labeled “open” or “closed” but what does this mean?

An open meeting of A.A. is a group meeting that any member of the community, alcoholic or nonalcoholic, may attend. The only obligation is that of not disclosing the names of A.A. members outside the meeting.

Non-alcoholics are welcome to listen but do not share on topics in discussion meetings. With rare exceptions, the speakers at an open meeting are A.A. members. All views expressed are purely personal, since all members of A.A. speak only for themselves.

A closed meeting is limited to members of the local A.A. group, or visiting members from other groups.

The purpose of the closed meeting is to give members an opportunity to discuss particular phases of their alcoholic problem that can be understood best only by other alcoholics.

These meetings are usually conducted with maximum informality, and all members are encouraged to participate in the discussions.

The closed meetings are of particular value to the newcomer, since they provide an opportunity to ask questions that may trouble a beginner, and to get the benefit of “older” members’ experience with the recovery program.
NOTE: Groups that did not contribute in the past 12 months will not be listed until they contribute.

CLUB GROUPS ................................April ........... YTD

ALCO AIDS

Saturday, "First Vowel" ................................ $189.60

CROSSROADS

Emotional Sobriety Mon.5:30 ....................... $192.00

Drop the Rock ........................................... $24.60

Big Book Study Group (Sunday) ................... $60.00

Florida Meeting ........................................ $90.00

Hump Group 5:30 Wed ....................... $192.00

It's In The Book ........................................... $60.00

Keep It Simple ........................................ $-

Soul Bus ................................................ $-

Thu. Before Sat. Night ................................ $-

Spiritual Maintenance ............................... $50.47

This is Your Meeting YPAAY-DAY .............. $60.00

NORTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

A Message Of Recovery ............................. $60.00

Beginner Meeting ..................................... $60.00

Bill W. Big Book Disc ............................... $-

Celebrating Sobriety ................................ $-

Daily Reprieve Group ................................ $60.00

Deeper Reed ........................................... $60.00

Discovery Group ...................................... $-

Monday AM ............................................ $-

New Beginning ........................................ $60.00

Page Manor ........................................... $-

Sisters In Sobriety .................................. $-

Steps Tuesday ........................................ $-

Sunlight of the Spirit ................................ $60.00

Take The Steps-Elevator's Broke .............. $60.00

SOUTHSIDE

3 M Men's Discussion ................................ $58.00

541 Group .............................................. $124.00

A Way Of Life ........................................ $-

Beyond Group Wed AM ........................... $180.00

Fri. Big Book (SSC) ................................. $120.00

Bigger Than Life Group ............................ $6.00

Bring Yr Own Brown Bag ......................... $50.00

Chairman's Choice Thurs ........................ $200.00

Gaay Group ........................................... $-

Happy Hour ........................................... $30.00

Joe & Charlie .......................................... $22.00

Letting Go ............................................ $-

Over the Hump ........................................ $-

One day At A Time .................................. $-

Self worth Group .................................... $-

Serenity Sunday Morning ......................... $586.09

Newcomers Group .................................. $-

Sharing She's .......................................... $100.00

Sister's Step Study ................................... $-

Upon Awakening .................................... $160.20

Wednesday Noon Step ......................... $-

Women's Sober Connection ...................... $95.00

SPRINGBORO/FRANKLIN

Living in the Solution .............................. $586.07

Mid-Day Sobriety Groups ......................... $154.80

WESTSIDE CLUB

A Way Of Life ........................................ $21.05

Big Book Disc Sunday ......................... $80.00

Sunday Morning Delphos ......................... $198.00

NON-CLUB GROUPS ..................... April ....... YTD

A B BigBook ........................................... $-

A Vision For You ......................... $300.00

Acceptance In The Heights ....................... $432.10

Afternoon Delight ................................. $25.00

Aley-Beaver Acceptance Thurs ............... $-

Aloha at the Gate .................................... $-

Back To The Basics ................................. $-

Beavercreek Wake-up .............................. $-

Beavercreek Wed Night ......................... $-

Bellbrook Monday Night ....................... $15.00

Bill's Bunch .......................................... $25.00

Big Book CEC ......................................... $-

CADAS Group ......................................... $101.00

Cedarville Village Group ......................... $50.00

Coldwater Friday Night ......................... $50.00

Complete Abandon ................................. $-

Covington Tri-City Group ....................... $-

Downtowners Gay .................................. $-

Evening Of Hope ................................... $90.00

Fairborn Frisky Reed .............................. $-

Fairborn Group Tues ............................... $25.00

Fairborn Hilltop Group ......................... $-

Fairborn Just Us Gals Getting Sober ....... $-

Fairborn St. Mark's Tues ......................... $-

Fairborn Working On It .......................... $111.00

Fairborn Thurs/Noon ....................... $100.00

Friday Night Live ......................... $150.00

Germantown Group Friday ...................... $120.00

Get It All Out Group ......................... $25.00

Grape vine at Brookville ......................... $120.00

God Help Us-New Carlisle ...................... $40.00

Greenville - Brown Bag ......................... $55.00

Greenville - Do Not Take So Ser .......... $-

Harvest Of Hope ................................... $50.00

Honey Creek NC ..................................... $-

Hot Stove Group ................................... $120.00

How It Works ......................................... $-

Huber Serenity ....................................... $96.00

Huber True Ambitions ......................... $-

I Can Group .......................................... $-

In the Heart of it All ......................... $-

Introduction To The Steps ...................... $-

Kettering Rebels ......................... $81.00

Language Of The Heart ......................... $81.00

Lamplighter Spiritual Group ..................... $-

Lebanon 12X12 ....................................... $100.00

Lebanon Wed. Disc .................. $-

Lincoln Park .......................................... $-

Living Sober-Lamme Rd ......................... $-

Maple Grove Group ............................... $135.00

Medway Full Measure Group ................... $-

Miamisburg Book Disc ...................... $45.75

Miamisburg Burg Sun ......................... $-

Miamisburg One Step Closer .................. $-

Middletown Spiritual Maintenance .......... $-

Minster Down to Earth Group .............. $-

Miranta 12 & 12 ................................. $113.56

Moon City Wakap .................. $-

Needmore Sobriety ......................... $-

New Lebanon ............................... $-

Nutl Rd Fri .......................................... $50.00

Nutl Rd Thurs ....................................... $50.00

Nutl Rd, Tuesday Step ......................... $30.00

One Day At A Time ODAT-Kett .............. $100.00

O.C.M.C. We Ain't Saints .............. $100.00

Ontario Group ....................................... $181.00

PAL Group ........................................... $-

Pass It On - Fairborn ......................... $76.00

S Group ................................................. $177.00

Saturday M. VA Meeting ......................... $-

Saturday's Special ......................... $125.00

Serenity Seekers (Xenia) ....................... $20.00

Shared Beginnings Oakwood .............. $300.00

Sidney Noon ........................................ $750.00

Sobriety For Lunch Bunch ................... $82.00

SOS Group ........................................... $186.00

St. Francis ......................................... $120.00

St. Marks Group ................................. $-

Step Heads ........................................... $120.00

Study The Solution ......................... $45.00

Sunday Big Book ................................. $-

Thanks for Being There ....................... $-

This Chip of a Book ......................... $-

Tipp City Group ..................................... $-

Trinity East .......................................... $84.00

Trinity West ......................................... $60.00

Troy Green and Growing ....................... $129.41

Troy-Saturday Morning Men's ............... $-

Troy Spirituality Group ......................... $90.00

Troy Trinity Sunday ......................... $-

Troy-Wed. 12 & 12 Group ...................... $-

Troy-The Best Is Yet To Come ............... $-

Valley Group ......................................... $100.00

VAMC Group VA Center ......................... $-

Vandalia Fri Night ............................... $150.00

Vandalia Thurs AM ......................... $100.00

Washington Church Road Group .......... $-

We Agnostics Too ................................. $90.00

Wed Women Grp, Aidersgate .............. $124.85

Welcome Back Step .............................. $130.00

West Alex Tues. Noon ......................... $335.80

West Carrollton- Living Sober .......... $-

West Carrollton Step Tues ..................... $-

West Carrollton Thurs ....................... $420.00

West Milton Monday ....................... $190.00

Wilmington-Put It tgeht/Keep it tgeht $-

Woes be gone .................. $160.00

Women's Under Construction .......... $134.40

Xenia Early Risers Tue/Thur/Fri ................ $-

Xenia Group ......................................... $153.00

Xenia Hope Spot ................................. $60.00

Xenia Turn it over Big Book ............... $84.00

Yellow Springs No Name .................... $28.44

Yellow Springs Sunday ....................... $-

Zippo Group ......................................... $240.00

ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Made at Central Office ......................... $28.00

Anonymous ........................................... $97.28

Birthday Club-Ann P .................. $40.00

Birthday Club-Jeff G .................. $30.00

Birthday Club Rex R .................. $35.00

Birthday Club- John C .................. $38.00

Birthday Club- Phil D .................. $23.00

Birthday Club-Diane P ................ $32.00

TOTAL ........................................ $5,743.45

$18,228.07

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