A responsibility to newcomers

Lately there have been more newcomers at the meetings I regularly attend. It’s a gift to see someone really want the program. The more miserable they are the better. I was like road-kill when I came to my first meeting more than 30 years ago. I hurt so badly that all I wanted was to stop hurting. Alcohol had beaten me into a state of reasonableness. I was willing. Thank God I have never lost that willingness nor had to take a drink since that first meeting.

As the Big Book states on page 89, “Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.”

I feel a responsibility to newcomers to carry the message as it was carried to me from the pages of our literature and the experience (not opinions or advice) of those who have gone before.

Thank God for a sense of responsibility and thank God for A.A.!

— Ann P.

The gifts of service work

I found a strong feeling of security to be surrounded by A.A. members in attendance at my first Area Assembly. Some of these members had been sober twenty or thirty years, yet willing to travel all over the place — sometimes a hundred miles or more — to participate in A.A.’s important service structure. Even more, it was the joy and enthusiasm penetrating the room[s]. I at once decided to become part of all this!

Starting at the near bottom, so to speak, my first position was that of an Intergroup representative in west Los Angeles. I will never forget that there was a hot issue in the air, so when time came to vote I did so for several different groups. (I was sure they would have been for it!) However, I was told, with great kindness, that I could only vote for my home group. A bit embarrassed, but better informed, I became willing to learn what I was doing before taking action. My sobriety was conveniently enhanced by this lesson in humility!

Moving back to my hometown of Richmond, IN, I became a General Service Representative for the AZ-UK group that met in our local club. Our District meetings met about 10 times per year, which I enjoyed a lot. I took over the committee for printing the district’s meeting schedule, which was more difficult than I had expected, but it gave me a feeling of being part-of. More mistakes only added to my still needed humility!

A few years later, I became a District Committee Member, which placed me in the exciting rooms mentioned in the first paragraph. It was, of course, my duty to report the essential decisions and upcoming events back to the District Meetings. Thank God for computers because after telling the news, I could simply copy the essentials and hand them to the GSRs so they could read said information to their specific groups.

My most recent service position has been the District’s Archive Chairperson. It is great fun displaying A.A. stuff all over the place and discussing the fascinating history of A.A. I am also editor of our District newsletter which is printed only four times a year, but that is also a great pleasure.

I will never be smart enough to be a GSO Delegate, but then, who is the most important person in A.A., anyway? Answer: The coffee maker.

— Bob S, Richmond, IN

Good meeting manners make good meetings

Meetings are one of the most important elements of Alcoholics Anonymous. For the most part, a “single share” protocol is followed. This means that members do not speak for any extended length of time, nor do they speak more than once during the meeting. In all meetings, “cross talk” is frowned on. “Cross talk” means giving direct advice to others, speaking directly to another person rather than to the group, or interrupting the person speaking at the time.

Side conversations are also unwelcome, as are cell phone calls, since they distract others from hearing and benefiting from what is being said. Each speaker shares his or her own experience, strength and hope with the group as related to the topic, or shares advice his or her sponsor has given, or cites A.A. literature on the topic.

— Anonymous
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**PI/CPC Committee report**

**NEW INFORMATION**

**Access Hospital Dayton** … Kim G. is getting this meeting established. Must be willing to go through a background check. Located 2611 Wayne Ave., Dayton (across from Belmont High School).

**Kettering Hospital** … (1) Nursing Professional Development Specialist has invited A.A. to take part in her Substance Abuse Class being presented to her nursing students. Dates are the morning of Friday, Sept. 28 and Wednesday, Nov. 28. More information to follow. Contact me if interested in participating. … (2) Participated in two hospital visits to talk to patients, and one request to call prospect.

**Recovery Event** … Central Office received request for A.A. to have a table at a local recovery event on Aug. 25. Contacted Don F. Learned that N.A. and FOA (Families of Addicts) have been invited and the event will have faith-based emphasis.

**Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services** … Opened discussion with Director of Treatment & Support Services about collaborative opportunities. Provided some literature (two pamphlets: Is A.A. For You? and A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous) and a few schedule books for their office. More updates to follow.

**ONGOING ACTIVITY**

**Morningstar**’s meeting Friday 1 p.m. has moved to 732 Beckman, in the building across from the main entrance. This is the Nova House near Wayne & Wilmington. Some confusion at Nova House due to the transition. More team members for the 5-week rotation are welcome/needed. Thanks to the people that are participating (Kat, Roger, Ryan, Ann, Dan, Sam, Lou, Howie and Jonathan) Thanks!

**St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter** … Lou O’ and Glen S. are attending at the Men’s Shelter on Gettysburg on Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. – Thanks! More male A.A.s are welcome to attend. Female A.A.s needed to establish a meeting at the Women’s Shelter at 120 W. Apple St. in Dayton.

**Genesis New Lebanon Center** … Ella S. & Chanda O. are in contact with the Director of Social Services to establish a monthly A.A. meeting at this secure Mental Health & Recovery Unit, located 101 Mills Place, New Lebanon, OH 45345. Thanks!

**HELP NEEDED**

**KBMC Kettering Behavior Medical Center** … Responsible A.A.s needed to establish a weekly AA meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Orientation is required by hospital staff. Located 5350 Lamme Rd. Moraine, OH 45439

**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.

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**Newcomer’s corner**

**Finding acceptance**

Tomorrow will be three weeks. Only 21 days of sobriety. Some days it feels like months since my last drink, others like it was yesterday. But every day I’m sober feels like the best day of my life.

Just like everybody else in A.A. I used to think I had everything under control, but thanks to A.A. and the IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program) at the VA I can now see that was never the case. This disease may not have always reared its ugly head, but it has always been there waiting for me to let down my guard.

By my first meeting I had already been sober for over a week, having started the IOP a couple weeks earlier, so I came in ready to listen. Even with my preparation I wasn’t truly ready for what I found.

In A.A. I have found more acceptance and understanding than I could have ever imagined.

Through the stories I’ve heard, and the willingness of others to listen, I have come to realize that what I’ve been going through is not something to be ashamed about and that I am not alone.

~ Daniel R.

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### Step 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

The key ingredient in living the Seventh Step is Humility.

However, let’s not mistake humility for being beaten down, broken with no self-esteem or confidence. Don’t be a doormat but don’t be cocky either. If the way I am living now appears unhealthy am I being willing or humble? On page 70 of the 12 & 12, it states, “for without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all...they still haven’t much chance of becoming truly happy.” I used to drown my emotions as I numbed myself from any real pain. Now, for me, this step is the beginning of emotional sobriety.

This step appears to be straightforward. We pray that God remove our defects. My biggest defect is described in the 12 & 12.

“The chief activator of our defects has been self-centered fear – primarily fear that we would lose something we already possessed or would fail to get something we demanded.” At the same time I pray that my higher power strengthen my assets as well.

On page 76 of the *Big Book*, a prayer has been written which we can recite. However, if you need to trust a stranger but you are a stranger to yourself who’s to blame? For me, this and Step Three were the two steps that I truly got down on my knees and humbled myself to my higher power. My higher power was no longer a stranger to me and because of the first six steps of the program I was no longer a stranger to myself.

Take this step and then get out of the way. Stay right sized and remember that character is doing the next right thing whether you want to or not.

*Troy A., Liberty Twp., OH*

(Reprinted from 2013 Unity)

### Tradition 7

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

This is another tradition that, when taken at face value in its short form, perhaps does our fellowship great injustice. By that I’m saying it means more than showing up and putting a buck or two in the basket. The only reason we need money is to pay our expenses. Extra money beyond a prudent reserve should be used for a stated A.A. purpose, anything that facilitates carrying our group’s message as dictated by the group’s conscience.

What is a stated A.A. purpose? Rent, literature, GSR and trusted-servant expenses. Dances, etc. are not a stated A.A. purpose. As for why we should decline outside contributions: We need to do that because, if we accept such contributions, we run the risk of outside influence and interference.

In as much as it can be a problem, money is another example of the diversity of spirituality in A.A. As a spiritual tool, some money is a necessity. We need it for meeting places, intergroup offices, phones, etc., to set the stage and make Twelfth-Step work possible. In addition to being a spiritual tool, there are several principles that can be found in this tradition; being responsible, prudent and provident.

We are responsible for carrying forth our message and being good stewards of what has been given to us. We are prudent by exercising the wisdom exemplified by our predecessors of being wise in the handling of our practical affairs.

We are provident by being responsible and prudent. Remember, you have tapped a source of a power much bigger than yourself. Use it wisely. We are all given a responsibility when we attend our first meeting.

We reached out to a group of strangers for help, and it was given freely—now it is our turn.

*Garwood F., Piqua OH*

(Reprinted from 2013 Unity)

### Concept 7

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

The 63rd General Service Conference is completed and one agenda item fits perfectly into the concept for this month. Last year the Chairman of the General Service Board (GSB) asked the Conference to approve a suggestion that our General Service Board develop a plan to deal with growing financial issues in our two service corporations.

The suggestion offered to the Conference essentially asked that the Board be allowed to develop a plan to absorb A.A. Grapevine, Inc. into A.A. World Services, Inc. The Conference did not agree with the suggestion and charged the Board to look at both corporations, address problems in both service corporations and submit that plan to the 63rd General Service Conference.

This situation clearly fits into Concept 7 since the Charter and Bylaws of the GSB clearly state that the Board has complete authority to make any changes to either or both service corporations since the Board has total ownership of the two corporations.

However, the Board felt that the subjects they needed to address might best be discussed by the Fellowship and confirmed by the Conference. The Board felt that if they acted without Conference agreement then we, the members of A.A., could revolt and that was not a situation, which the Board desired to generate.

In preparation for the Conference, the Delegates were told that the Board took a lot of time to develop the plan and the results of their work were announced at the Board meeting in early February 2013.

In the weeks leading up to the Conference in April 2013, the plan was well discussed by many members of the Fellowship. The result of your input and that of the entire fellowship sent the whole concept back for more input and discussion for next year.

*Mark E., Panel 62, Area 56 Delegate*

(Reprinted from 2013 Unity)
When should the newcomer get a sponsor?

I was at a meeting the other day when a young man who had four days of sobriety, spoke up.

He wanted to know when he should get a sponsor.

My response: If you are in danger of drinking today, don’t leave this meeting without getting at least a temporary sponsor.

In “How it Works” we are told, “Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path.”

The key word for me is thoroughly. The reading then goes on to tell us that those who do not recover are those people who don’t completely give themselves to this simple program.

Having and using a sponsor is part of our program and falls in the area of the difficult but critical steps to be taken.

When you are hanging on by a thread, support is a key and a sponsor can give that for sure.

— Don C., reprinted from 2010 September Unity

I cringe!

I continue to observe a disturbing and continual demise of years-held A.A. meeting customs. These practices have served not only to solidify our unity, but also have kept our gatherings informative and pleasurable. I cringe as I watch them disappear. I have listed a few of these:

When we do the readings the reader’s name is often not used; instead it goes like: “I have asked a friend to read…” How impersonal is that? How lazy is that? Are we just friendly strangers?

I believe the regular meeting readings are important — especially for the new person. However, some meetings go on and on with many readings. This over-reading destroys the sharp point of the steps and Traditions — besides, how boring!

During the vitally important reading of our Twelve Steps some audience members mock the “calling out” supposedly humorous statements — sometimes at every meeting! To the newcomer the Steps are life and death — it is not a joke for them! For most seasoned A.A.s this is an ongoing irritation.

Instead of attendees announcing themselves as an alcoholic, many find it necessary to tell they are an alcoholic-and-a-something else. Well, who isn’t! This practice dilutes our primary message of how we found a release from alcoholic obsession.

Non-alcoholics should not speak at open A.A. meetings. Non-alcoholics may speak of their rights yet fail to acknowledge that not being members of A.A. they have no rights. A.A. is for alcoholics — period!

I believe sobriety tokens are helpful, especially for members going through their first year. However, some groups present said reminders each month. It is easy to see how this ruins the process. It soon becomes old-hat.

Lastly, I cringe at the silly “Chicken Dance” at meetings end. This destroys the prayer’s sincerity. Do you also cringe? I hope so.

— Bob S., Richmond, IN

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BIG BOOK QUIZ

By Twila W.

1. Where had we been selfish, ____(p.67), self-seeking and frightened?
2. Sometimes there were screaming ____(p.107) and insanity.
3. In case he does ____(p.147), even once, you will have to decide whether to let him go.
4. Be quick to see where ____(p.87) people are right.
5. For us, ____(p.127) well being always followed spiritual progress, it never preceded.
6. The faith and ____(p.117) of both you and your husband will be put to the test.
7. There was much talk about the ____(p.157) state preceding the first drink.
8. We don’t use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of ____(p.77).
9. To him the alcoholic has often seemed a ____(p.137) of the first magnitude.
10. And even though he continues to drink, the family will find life more ____(p.97).

Help OYPAA take off on ‘Another kind of flight’

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.

This year’s theme is “Another kind of flight.”

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.

In addition, the third Saturday of each month is a Game Night at Southside Club starting at 9 p.m. and ending with a midnight meeting. Details are on the website.
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, 5:30 p.m., Big Book Study, O-D, 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, 10 a.m., Sunlight of the Spirit, O-D, Northside Fellowship Club, 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 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. St. Clair St., Dayton, OH 45402 NEEDS SUPPORT
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., New Life Recovery Group (ticket meeting) Northside Fellowship Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
Wednesday, 8 p.m., Pass It On Group, O-CC First Presbyterian Church 1130 Highview, Fairborn. NEEDS SUPPORT
Thursday, Noon, Celebrating Sobriety, O-D Northside Fellowship Club, 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 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. 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, Open Discussion Northside Fellowship Club, 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 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, O-D, Northside Fellowship Club. 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, NEW TIME

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.
- Every Friday evening starting at 6:30 p.m., we will have Friday Night Cookouts. $3 fills your plate with a hot dog or hamburger from the grill along with all the fixins’.
- Wednesday, July, 1 p.m. SALAD FEST and HOLIDAY COOKOUT Bring your favorite salad to share and add to the hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill. We will have the regular fixin’s for $3 a plate. Prize for the best salad.
- Saturday, July 14, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. — CAR WASH — Donations accepted. Hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixins’ while you wait. $3 a plate.
- Saturday, July 14, 8 p.m. — KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.
- Saturday, July 28, 8 p.m. — KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.
- Saturday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m. — Anniversary Dinner for the months of May, June, July, and August. Ham dinner with mashed potatoes and veggie with dessert. $5 for adults, $3 for children. Lead meeting at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. — KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.
- Saturday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. — KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.

Service meetings
If your group doesn’t have an Intergroup Representative and a General Service Representative VOLUNTEER! Service keeps us sober!
July 12 — 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.
Sept. 15 — Area 56 Assembly (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inventory)

Northside Fellowship Club
Friends of Bill W.
Primitive Camping Weekends
Group Campsite, Germantown Metro Park
7350 Boomershine Road.
July 4 - 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

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June 14 Intergroup minutes

CHAIR: Kathy H. khassig@gmail.com
SECRETARY: Andi R. gr8asm0@gmail.com
VICE CHAIR: Tony H. ahuguey@gmail.com
TREASURER: Jim T. jimtorbett@gmail.com

Welcome: Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Glen read the Purpose and Warren read the Twelve Traditions.

Announcements: Kathy reminded us to not keep the door propped open. Several fliers were provided for upcoming events, including the Crossroads Club picnic, the annual Woman-to-Woman Luncheon, the Recovery Jam, the Recovery Alliance and the Recovery Café. Several A.A.s have passed away; Dave’s memorial service/celebration of life is in Yellow Springs on June 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Dawn’s memorial service is June 23 at 2:30 p.m. at Southside Club; Fritz’s service is June 20 at Tobias; Mike P - no obituary or service at his request.

June A.A. Birthdays: Dave - 36 years on June 30.

New Representatives: Brian is the new alternate area delegate for Area 56.

Secretary’s Report: Brian is the new alternate area delegate for Area 56.

Treasurer’s Report: No report

Opening balance...............................$23,976.61
Deposits...........................................$841.87
Total Checks..................................-$996.81
Closing balance...............................$23,821.67
Big Change from Small Change Balance $3,066.10
CD Balance......................................$5,451.30

Big Change from Small Change Contributions

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Ontario Group ..............................$0.00 ........$137.00
Sisters in Sobriety..........................$0.00 ........$3.50
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Sobriety for Lunch Bunch.............$17.00 ........$17.00
Spiritual Maintenance...................$53.37 ........$304.15
Trinity East Group.........................$0.00 ........$94.58
Trotwood.................................$35.50 ..........$156.20
Vandalia Thurs. AM Group...$0.00 ........$21.10
Washington Church Group............$24.00 ..........$195.00
Zippo........................................$0.00 ........$20.00
Checks written .........................$884.83 ........$0.00
Monthly Balance.........................-$771.96
Ending Balance.........................-$705.96

Upcoming Area events

- June 17 Committee Meeting (noon – 2p.m.)
- July 15 Committee Meeting (noon – 2p.m.)
- July 27 – 29 Ohio State Convention (Perrysburg)
- Aug. 19 Committee Meeting (noon – 2p.m.)
  (Inventory Discussion)
- Aug. 24-26 East Central Regional Conference (Kalamazoo)
- Sept. 15 Area Assembly (Inventory) (10a.m. – 4p.m.)
- Sept. 16 Committee Meeting (noon – 2p.m.)
- Oct. 21 Committee Meeting (noon – 2p.m.)
- Nov. 3 Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting
- Nov. 18 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)
- Dec. 16 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)

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Area 56 news

“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.” The Shape of Things to Come. Language of the Heart – Bill W.

Unity Day at the May Assembly is always a special time when representatives from Dayton and Cincinnati Central Offices and Intergroup liaisons, along with General Service Representatives, and friends of Area 56 come together to share information and fellowship. An overview of voting results was part of the delegate report. Voting highlights included selection of the 2019 Conference Theme, “Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages” as well as Presentation/Discussion Topic ideas: 1) Yesterday’s World – Our Legacies Begin; 2) Today’s World – Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service; and 3) Tomorrow’s World – Courage to be Vigilant. The Workshop Topic idea that was selected was “Clarity of Purpose – Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings.”

Additional items of interest, the proposal to censure the General Service Board as well as the proposal to reorganize the A.A. World Services and General Service Boards’ motions resulted in the committee taking no action.

The request to publish “The God Word” (the pamphlet currently published by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain) passed 122 to 13 at the Conference because it was felt that this publication would meet our needs with minor changes and that there was no need to develop another pamphlet.

The first copy of Alcoholics Anonymous, a 14 CD compilation audiobook in Navajo, will help address alcoholism in native communities.

Reminder that the 62nd Ohio State Convention of A.A., hosted by Area 55 is scheduled for July 27 – 29 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, in Perrysburg, Ohio. A special note of interest to please SAVE THE DATE for Aug. 16 – 18, 2019 when the 63rd Ohio State Convention will be hosted by Area 56! If you would like information about any of the topics regarding the General Service Conference or if I can be of service please contact me.

- Jenny C., Delegate@aaarea56.org
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**Central Office May Report**

**TELEPHONE ACTIVITY**
- A.A. Related Calls: 471
- Twelve Step Calls: 2
- Al-Anon & Narcotics Anonymous: 4
- Nite Owls: 26
- Emails: 27
- Miscellaneous: 0

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

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<td>BEGINNING BALANCE</td>
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<td>Group Contributions (includes Birthday Club)</td>
<td>$3,171.72</td>
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<td>Literature Sales</td>
<td>$5,914.49</td>
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<td>MONTH END BALANCE</td>
<td>$13,081.57</td>
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*NOTE: May income did not quite cover May expenses. If your group does not support Central Office, Area 56 and GSO, ask why!

**May 2018 Central Office Report**

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<th>SALES</th>
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<td>MAY 2018</td>
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<td>17.1%</td>
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<td>MAY 2017</td>
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<td>YTD</td>
<td>$27,567.15</td>
<td>-3.2%</td>
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<td>10.9%</td>
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As you can see, May was a good month in sales. We were 17% above our sales when compared to May of 2017. We had a slight increase in contributions when compared to last year. Overall, Central Office finances are almost 3% better than a year ago.

Central Office will be closed on July 4th, 2018, in observance of Independence Day.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting Central Office through your generous contributions and literature purchases. We will continue to strive to provide the high quality of services you have come to expect.

– 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.

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**PICNIC**

**Crossroads Club**

5235 N. Main St., Dayton, OH 45415
behind Penn Station restaurant
on RTA bus #7 and #16

**Saturday, July 7**

**3 p.m. until?**

Suggested donation $5 per person or $3 with a covered dish.
Children 12 and under Free.
Hamburgers and hotdogs provided
Pop for sale
Bring your favorite summer dish to share Fellowship, music, games, corn hole
Outdoor lead at 6 p.m.
Regular Drop the Rock meeting at 7 p.m.
Bonfire meeting at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

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**The 12 rewards**

1. Hope instead of desperation.
2. Faith instead of despair.
4. Peace of mind instead of confusion.
6. Confidence instead of helplessness.
7. The respect of others instead of their pity and contempt.
8. A clean conscience instead of a sense of guilt.
9. Real friendships instead of loneliness.
10. A clean pattern of life instead of a purposeless existence.
11. The love and understanding of our families instead of their doubts and fears.
12. The freedom of a happy life instead of the bondage of an alcoholic obsession.
May Contributions

NOTE: Groups that did not contribute in the past 12 months will not be listed until they contribute.

CLUB GROUPS

SUNSHINE FELLOWSHIP

A Message Of Recovery .................................. $60.00
Beginner Meeting ........................................ $60.00
Bill W. Big Book Disc. ................................ $-
Celebrating Sobriety .................................... $-
Daily Reprieve Group ................................... $60.00
Deepen 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 .................................. $120.00 ... $240.00
541 Group .............................................. $58.00
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 ............................... $-
Chairman’s Choice Thurs. ............................. $200.00
Gaey Group ........................................... $-
Happy Hour ............................................ $60.00 ... $90.00
Joe & Charlie ............................................ $22.00
Leaving Go ............................................. $-
Over The Hump Step ................................... $72.50 ... $72.50
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 ................................ $95.00
Women's Sober Connection ......................... $-

SPRINGBORO/FRANKLIN

Living in the Solution ................................ $73.03 .... $139.10
Mid-Day Sobriety Groups ............................ $128.40 ... $1,117.12

WESTSIDE CLUB

A Way Of Life .......................................... $21.05
Big Book Disc Sunday ................................ $80.00
Sunday Morning Delphos .............................. $198.00

NON-CLUB GROUPS

A B Big Book .......................................... $-

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 ............................... $-
Bellevue Monday Night ............................... $15.00
Bill's Bunch ............................................ $85.00
Brown Bag CEC ....................................... $40.00 ... $40.00
CADAS Group ......................................... $101.00
Cedarville Village Group ............................. $50.00
Coldwater Friday Night .............................. $50.00
Complete Abandon ................................... $50.00
Covington Tri-City Group ............................ $-
Downtowners Gay ..................................... $-
Edgemont ............................................... $60.00
Evening Of Hope ....................................... $450.00
Fairborn Finny Reed .................................. $-
Fairborn Group Tues .................................. $25.00
Fairborn Hilltop Group ............................... $-
Fairborn Just Us Gals Getting Sober 75.21 ...... $75.21
Fairborn St. Mark’s Tues ................................ $-
Fairborn Working On It .............................. $724.00
Fairborn Tues/Thurs Noon ............................ $100.00
Friday Night Live ....................................... $150.00
Germanstown Group Friday ....................... $120.00
Get It All Out Group ................................ $-
Grape vine at Brookville ............................. $120.00
God Help Us-New Carilale ......................... $40.00
Greenville - Brown Bag ............................. $35.00
Greenville - Do Not Take So Ser ................ $-
Harst Street ............................................ $196.00 ... $196.00
Harvest Of Hope ....................................... $50.00
Honey Creek NC ....................................... $-
Hot Stove Group ....................................... $120.00
How It Works ......................................... $120.00 ... $120.00
Huber Serenity ......................................... $56.00
Huber True Ambitions ............................... $-
I Can Group ............................................ $-
In the Heart of It All ................................ $-
Introduction To The Steps ............................ $-
Kettering Rebels ....................................... $81.00
Language Of The Heart ............................... $-
Lampighter Spiritual Group ........................... $-
Lebanon 12X12 ........................................ $100.00
Lebanon Wed. Disc. ................................... $-
Lincoln Park .......................................... $69.30 ... $69.30
Living Sober-Lamme Rd ............................. $-
Maple Grove Group ................................... $161.53
Miamisburg Full Measure Group ................. $100.00 ... $100.00
Miamisburg Big Book Disc ......................... $45.75
Miamisburg Burg Group Sun ...................... $-
Miamisburg One Step Closer ...................... $162.00 ... $162.00
Miamisburg New Hope ............................... $100.00
Middletown Spiritual Maintenance .............. $-
Minister Down to Earth Group .................... $-
Montezuma 12 & 12 .................................. $113.56
Moon City Wapak .................................... $-
Needmore Sobriety ................................ $-
New Lebanon .......................................... $127.40 ... $127.40
Nutt Rd Fri ............................................. $50.00
Nutt Rd Thurs .......................................... $30.00
Nutt 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 ............................................. $-
Fairborn Pass It On Group ......................... $51.00 ... $51.00
S Group ................................................ $177.00
Saturday A.M. VA Meeting ......................... $-
Saturday’s Special .................................... $250.00
Serenity Seekers (Xenia) ............................ $20.00
Shared Beginnings Oakwood ...................... $300.00
Sidney Noon .......................................... $750.00
Sobriety For Lunch Bunch ......................... $100.00 ... $182.00
SOS Group ............................................. $186.00
St. Georges Step/Sponsor, Fri. ..................... $300.00 ...
St. Francis ............................................. $210.00
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 ........................................... $75.00 ... $130.00
Trotwood Group C .................................... $180.00
Troy Green and Growing ......................... $129.41
Troy- Saturday Morning Men's .................... $-
Troy Serenity 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 .................................... $100.00 ... $500.00
Vandalia Thurs AM ................................... $40.00 ... $1,170.00
Victory in the City .................................... $130.00 ... $130.00
Washington Church Road Group ............... $-
We Agnostics Too ..................................... $90.00
Wed Women Grp, Aldersgate ..................... $124.85
Welcome Back Step .................................. $335.80
West Alex Tues. Noon ............................... $-
West Carrolton- Living Sober ...................... $-
West Carrolton Step Tues ............................ $-
West Carrolton Thurs ................................ $420.00
West Milton Monday ................................. $350.00
Wilmington-Put It Togther/Keep It Togthr ... $-
Woes be gone ......................................... $76.00
Women’s Under Construction ..................... $134.40
Xenia Early Risers Tue/Thur/Fri ................. $-
Xenia Grow Up ........................................ $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 ................................ $14.88 ... $112.16
Anonymous ........................................... $40.00
Birthday Club-Ann P .................................. $30.00
Birthday Club-Lee G .................................. $30.00
Birthday Club-Res R .................................. $35.00
Birthday Club-Ralph G .............................. $32.00
Birthday Club-Phil D ................................ $23.00
Birthday Club-Diane P ............................... $32.00
Terry T ................................................ $300.00 ... $300.00
Total ................................................ $3,171.72 ... $21,399.79

Birthday Club

With gratitude in mind, Central Office has established the Birthday Club. A donation on your anniversary is a 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.