**Your Dayton, Ohio, Intergroup Newsletter**  
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**Front row seat**

Many of you may have heard me say in meetings, “When I came to A.A., I was young and cute. Now I’m just cute.” So true, I’m not young, and I am cute!

Over the years I’ve had many opportunities to witness the program of Alcoholics Anonymous create a new path of hope leading to a new life for many individuals and families.

I’ve also seen my share of losses; those who came but didn’t sort out how to stay. Instead, taking precisely the path that the Big Book describes: “jails, institutions, and death.”

Absolutely nothing, in my estimation, tops the experience of having a front row seat as a new A.A. member is being born, fostered, raised, and supported by a host of sponsors who want only to witness the newbie’s growth and recovery. As a newbie, I had no clue how many people were rooting for me and praying that I would find what they had found: “a new freedom and a new happiness.”

They knew the path I’d followed, they’d seen me at my saddest, most hopeless point in life and they wanted me to somehow find the willingness to accept their help and find a tiny ray of hope, just “a flimsy reed.”

Today I understand that those knowing little smiles are all about a shared experience and a shared solution. Those who witnessed my slow progress saw at first a flirtation, a delicate, transparent, barely there spark of trust.

Then, a tendril of acceptance that they nurtured into the sincere desire to stay and become an attraction for other needy drinkers. A reed so flimsy that a slight nudge toward the old playmates, playthings, and play pens could cause a relapse. But then, one day, I would “stand at the turning point” and retreat to the ease.

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**What is the A.A. Meaning of Sober?**

The Man-on-the-Street-Speak may define sober as “clear-headed with normal emotions and logical thinking,” e.g.: A jaywalker who jumps in front of traffic would not be considered sober — he would not be sober-minded!

In A.A. Speak, if an A.A. member had not ingested an alcoholic drink in 15 years, he or she would qualify for a 15-year sobriety token. This would apply to schizophrenics, manic-depressives, bi-polar personalities, jaywalkers, and even Lizzie Borden!

Consequently, I have learned to differentiate between whether the person I am listening to is doing “Man-on-the-Street” talk or speaking the language of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For instance, suppose someone, at your next meeting, concludes that member X cannot come to logical conclusions, lives in great fear, fury and confusion. Therefore, he or she is not sober.

Question — Is this, Man-on-the-street-speak or A.A.-speak? You’re right! This is “Man-On-The-Street-speak!”

It isn’t that one of these statements is right and the other is wrong, it’s just to whom you are listening! This applies to other Big Book words such as “recovered” or “sanity.” This makes for an interesting study as you listen around the A.A. tables.

— Bob S., Richmond, IN
PI/CPC Committee report

NEW INFORMATION

**Rotation** has been called the "Heartbeat of A.A." In keeping with this vital concept, Sept. 13 will be my last Intergroup meeting as PI/CPC Chairman. Anyone interested in the role should contact me so I can help insure a smooth transition.

**Morningstar** Meets every Friday at 1 pm at Nova House, 732 Beckman (near Wayne and Wilmington) Dayton, OH. Women and men are now required to meet separately. More female volunteers are needed. Thanks to the people who are and have participated (Kat, Roger, Ryan, Ann, Dan, Sam, Lou, Howie, and Jonathan) Please announce this **Request for Help** at the meetings you attend and ask that they contact me to get on the schedule. Starting in September, Kat will assume the role of scheduling the meetings.

**Kettering Behavior Medical Center** Lindsay called with willingness to establish a weekly A.A. meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Orientation is required by hospital staff. The center is located 5350 Lamme Rd. Moraine, OH 45439

**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. Intergroup voted to participate. (Thanks to Aaron S. for volunteering to attend! Looking for additional 3-4 people.)

**FOA Rally 4 Recovery** Aug. 26, 3-6 p.m. at Courthouse Square, Third and Main, Dayton. We attended the past two years and will again this year. (Warren G. will attend and is looking for 2-3 additional people.)

ONGOING ACTIVITY

**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. Glen S. provided update - meetings going well. 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 St. in Dayton.

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

**Access Hospital Dayton** Kim G. is getting this meeting established. Volunteers must be willing to go through a background check. Located 2611 Wayne Ave., Dayton (across from Belmont High School). Kim G. provided update. The meeting now on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Kim needs volunteers to give a leads. Call her at 222-2211.

**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 (Thanks to Trish S. and Howie H. for volunteering) (2) No hospital visits this month.

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

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PI/CPC Committee of Dayton Area Intergroup

Dayton Area Central Office (937) 222-2211

**A.A. Guidelines for PI/CPC Committee from General Service Office**

PI stands for Public Information The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. P.I. committees visit schools, business and community meetings for this purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and nonaffiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to radio and television stations.

CPC stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community Members of this committee provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, educators, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders and industrial managers, government officials, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.
Step 8
Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
Do we need to make a list? Actually, no. The Big Book states, “We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory.” (pg.76).
This of course refers to our 4th Step inventory. I am thankful my sponsor didn’t allow me to tear it up or burn it. Not sure how that ritual got started but glad that my sponsor is old school by the book kind of guy. If, by chance, you don’t have your 4th Step inventory you are going to have to think about all the people you have harmed and put pen to paper and write them down.
If there hasn’t been enough emphasis on good sponsorship up to this point, let’s re-emphasize that now. I had so many people on my list I was overwhelmed. How could I ever make amends to all those people? My sponsor helped me get started. Do you really need the little girl in 1st grade whose pigtails you pulled on that list? Probably not. Getting the list down to realistic proportions is the first step.
This step isn’t just about making a list. It’s also about becoming willing to make amends to them all. It is that last word – all – that trips me up. There are still some people on my list that I struggle to make amends to. However, I continue to pray for willing-ness. I have to be willing to make things right. To do that I need to stop the action and/or change my behavior before I start making amends. The best part of this step is described on page 82 of the Twelve and Twelve where it states, “It is the beginning of the end of isolation from our fellows and from God.”
— Troy A., Liberty Twp., OH (Reprinted from 2013 Unity)

 Tradition 8 (long form)
Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.
This is another A.A. tradition that, in its short form, can leave one with more questions than the much-needed understanding to preserve A.A.’s future. Questions like: What does non-professional mean? What are service centers? What are special workers?
How many times have you heard, “You’ve got to give it away to keep it.” In this case money and spirituality do not mix. Professionalism would defeat our primary purpose “to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”
A.A. is spiritual in its aim and unselfish in its purpose. This can be traced back to A.A.’s early days. Take a look at the Doctor’s Opinion in the Big Book. This is what Dr. Silkworth had to say about that: “The unselfishness of these men as we have come to know them, the entire absence of profit motive, and their community spirit is indeed inspiring.”
Now let’s consider A.A. service centers. What are they? Perhaps the most important is the most overlooked. It’s the local A.A. group. It is, after all, often the first place a new comer receives any A.A. service. The handshake, cup of coffee, phone numbers are all-important, but equally important is the group literature rack. Is it up to date?
Better-organized groups may consider having a literature person (special worker) to keep its literature orderly and up to date.
We must not forget a couple of other types of service centers A.A. has. That newcomer showing up at your group may have been led there by contact with an Intergroup Central Office or General Service Office. Both have special workers. They are folks who have been where we have been. They can best help those who need us, find us. While Step Seven says we are self-supporting through our own contributions, this tradition tells us we can and should compensate or reimburse those who do work on behalf of our fellowship other than regular Twelfth Step Work.
— Carwood F. Piqua, OH (Reprinted from 2013 Unity)

Concept 8
The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
Alcoholics Anonymous is unique in so many ways and Concept VIII points out one item that helps our Fellowship remain a spiritual entity.
Each group, district and area manages to function with only volunteer servants and not owning much more than a basket and a coffeepot. Concept VIII does much to ensure that we remain based at our spiritual roots.
Sure, A.A. needs some money to operate and we need some uniformity to ensure recovery to anyone looking for help no matter where they might be. We do need some literature to help point us in the right direction and we need a service office to coordinate the writing, publication and distribution of that information. In most organizations the office, equipment, and literature belongs to the organization. This is not quite the case in Alcoholics Anonymous. Our Fellowship, by our Traditions, does not own the office equipment, literature stock or anything — the General Service Board is tasked with the ownership and stewardship of all the property necessary to conduct our services.
It makes sense that the General Service Board has to be responsible for the planning and operation of our office and the publication of our monthly magazine. The 21 members of the Board have total ownership and financial responsibility for the operation of our two service corporations (AAWS and AAGV) that run our GSO and Grapevine.
And who selects the members of the Board of Trustees and who provides the finance for all of this service? We do, via our Groups and the General Service Conference, and this closes the circle.
— Mark E., Lebanon, OH (Reprinted from 2013 Unity)
Newcomer’s corner

Finding a sponsor

Alcoholics Anonymous has been the key in finding sobriety for many alcoholics. The program is set up in the best way for us alcoholics to not only get sober, but also stay sober. This is achieved in part through working the 12 steps, but we cannot work these steps alone. We need a sponsor.

Finding a sponsor is one of the first things a new member should be pursuing. A sponsor will be there to guide them through the steps, be there for support and accountability, and can provide an ear when needed.

The search for a sponsor usually goes one of two ways. Some come into a meeting needing serious help immediately, and they’re the ones who usually find the first member with decent sobriety they can and ask them to be their sponsor. Then you have those that are already sober. They tend to take their time finding a sponsor who’s the perfect fit.

The most important thing for any alcoholic, whether it’s the first 24 hours of sobriety or the 50th year, is to have at least one person they can rely on to help them through the temptations that are bound to come.

— Daniel R.

The joy of living

I grew up in a family of know-it-alls and critics. We had plenty of happy times but there was often one-upmanship and criticism of other people.

I absorbed this culture as a normal way to see the world but this led to a negative, lonely and “life is too hard” perspective.

I recently spoke to a family member who told me, “I guess I am just going to be unhappy for the rest of my life.” I was stunned that she would accept a life of misery.

Fortunately, recovery has changed my point of view. In the Twelve and Twelve on page 107 it says: (The alcoholic) “has been granted a gift which amounts to a new state of consciousness and being” and “has been set on a path which tells him … life is not a dead end, not something to be endured or mastered.”

I am forever grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous!

— Erin S.
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., O-D, Big Book Study, Crossroads Club, 5235 Main St., Dayton. NEEDS SUPPORT
Monday through Friday, 6 a.m., O-D, Upon Awakening Group, based on Daily Reflection reading Southside Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
Monday, 7 p.m., C-D, Monday Eve's Group (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., O-D, Bellbrook Centerbrook Church 4030 W. Franklin St., (Ohio 725) Bellbrook. NEEDS SUPPORT
Tuesday, 10 a.m., O-D, Sunlight of the Spirit, 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., O-D, Sober and Grateful Group One Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati and Albany Sts., Dayton, Room 135. NEEDS SUPPORT
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., O-D, We Agnostics AA3, Yellow Springs Universal Unitarian Fellowship, 2884 U.S. 68, Yellow Springs, OH. NEW MEETING
Wednesday, 7 p.m., O-D, Dunks and Donuts, 15 S. St. Clair St., Dayton, OH 45402 NEEDS SUPPORT
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., O-L Trinity Lakeside Group has MOVED to the Westside Club, 3359 W. Second St., Dayton.
Wednesday, 8 p.m., O-CC, Pass It On Group First Presbyterian Church 1130 Highview, Fairborn. NEEDS SUPPORT
Thursday, Noon, O-D, Celebrating Sobriety Northside Fellowship Club. 7079 E. Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, NEEDS SUPPORT
Thursday, 7 p.m., O-D You Are Not Alone, at South Side Club, 3040 Valleywood Dr., Kettering. NEEDS SUPPORT
Thursday, 7 p.m., O-D, We Agnostics Thursday, Center for Spiritual Living, 4100 Benfield Dr. Kettering. NEW MEETING
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., O-L, 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, O-D, Before Saturday Night Group at Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton. 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., C-D, Drop the Rock, Crossroads Club, 5235 N. Main St., Dayton, NEEDS SUPPORT.
Saturday, 7 p.m., O-D, 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!

Aug. 9 — 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)

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'.
- 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, noon to 4 p.m. — CAR WASH — Donations accepted. Hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixins' while you wait. $3 a plate.
- Saturday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. — KARAOKE with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.

Southside Club being remodeled

Beginning Aug. 25, meetings will be held just down the street at 3130 Valleywood, Northwestern Tool Co. Use the door on the right. Interior remodeling will take about a month. Parking at 3130 Valleywood includes handicapped and general spots. Attendees are encouraged to park at the club as well.

Northside Fellowship Club

Friends of Bill W.

Primitive Camping Weekends
Group Campsite, Germantown Metro Park
7350 Boomershire Road.
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
July 12 Intergroup minutes

CHAIR: Kathy H. khassig@gmail.com
SECRETARY: Andi R. gr8asml@gmail.com
VICE CHAIR: Tony H. ahguelly@gmail.com
TREASURER: Jim T. jmtorbet@gmail.com

Welcome: Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Howie H. read the Preamble and Tony H. read the Twelve Traditions.

Announcements: Several flyers were provided for upcoming events, including the Crossroads Club Sept. 8 picnic, OYPAA state convention at Great Wolf Lodge Sept. 14-16 and new meeting at Access Hospital at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. A background check and drug test required to help with this meeting.

July A.A. Birthday: Carl G. 10 years.
New Representatives: None.

Secretary’s Report: Distributed and accepted.

Treasurer’s Report:
Opening balance .......................................................... $23,821.67
Deposits................................................................. $731.09
Total Checks .......................................................... $9,535.33
Closing balance ........................................................ $15,017.43
Big Change from Small Change Balance $3,435.27
CD Balance ............................................................ $4,511.47

Big Change from Small Change Contributions
NOTE: Anyone taking meetings as a new liaison with Area 56 is needed.

Group Name June YTD
Anonymous................................. $0.00 ........... $7.00
Dan’s Car ........................................ $115.00 .......... $598.50
Englewood Friends ................ $0.00 ............ $20.00
Full Measures Group ................ $0.00 ............ $70.00
Huber Serenity in the Hts... $66.00 ........... $146.70
No Name Group-YSPrings ... $0.00 ............ $307.68
Ontario Group ....................... $83.00 ........... $220.00
Sisters in Sobriety..................... $3.50 ............ $3.50
S.M.A.R.T. Group ............. $65.00 ........... $108.00
Sobriety for Lunch Bunch .... $0.00 ........... $17.00
Spiritual Maintenance ........ $58.00 ........... $362.15
Stillwater Monday Night ... $32.00 ............ $32.00
Thurs. Night W. Carrollton$200.00 ........... $200.00
Trinity East Group ............... $50.68 ........... $145.26
Trotwood ................................ $36.41 ........... $194.61
Vandalia Thurs. AM Group $0.00 ............ $21.10
Washington Church Group $0.00 ............ $195.00
Zippo ........................................ $0.00 ............ $20.00
Checks written ................. $338.92 ........ $338.92
Monthly Balance ........... $369.17 ......... $3,066.10

If your group collects Big Change money, you can drop it off at Central Office or bring it to the next Intergroup meeting.

Central Office Report: Kim G.

Area 56 news

I enjoy reading A.A. literature in preparation for doing a presentation or being part of a discussion and dialogue because I learn so much more about the history of this fellowship. In reading about the Twelve Steps as a “design for living” I came across an article from the March 1980 Grapevine. The author was talking about finding new promises in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, for example on page 100, “Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in a new and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances!” and on page 8 Bill says, “I was to know happiness, peace, and usefulness, in a way of life that is incredibly more wonderful as time passes.”

One of the first things that I was taught in early recovery was the importance of action. On page 86 of the Big Book it tells me, “On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives.”

When Bill found sobriety he said it was like being catapulted into what he called the fourth dimension of existence. On page 83 the Big Book says, “We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.” Then on page 152 it tells us that, “you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead.”

On page 64 in the Twelve and Twelve we read, “He did not design man to destroy himself by alcohol, but he did give man instincts to help him stay alive.” We do this by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems in order to have that vital spiritual experience.

From the story section, the writer of “He Had To Be Shown,” quotes Dr. Bob as saying, “So long as I’m thinking as I’m thinking now, and so long as I’m doing the things I’m doing now, I don’t believe I’ll ever take another drink.”

On page 163 appears to be the key – “To duplicate what we have accomplished is only a matter of willingness, patience and labor.” Bill mentions the change that takes place in his story (page 9) when his old school friend visited him sober for the first time: “The door opened and he stood there, fresh-skinned and glowing. There was something about his eyes. He was inexplicably different.”

I have come to realize that I am, ‘no longer a human being on a spiritual journey. I am a spiritual being on a human journey.’ In the Big Book, page, 87, “What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind.”

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Archives: Tom M.
• Archives is always looking for anything members would like to add to archives, including old Grapevines.

Unity: Ann P. daytonunity@gmail.com
• Need announcements and articles for Unity by the 15th of the month before publication, especially articles for steps, traditions, personal stories, etc.

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community:
warren1aa@gmail.com
Warren G. is rotating out and seeks a reliable person to take over. Full report on Page 2.

Corrections: Brian H. announced Corrections Fest Nov. 10 at Eastside Center in Batavia.

Outreach: Central Office has taken over maintenance of 12-Step list. More people are needed to sign up for this list.

Special Events: Phil B. phayley@woh.nng.com
• Speaker for the Nov. 4 breakfast is Gear G. from Cleveland.

Web: Chris P. arrived near the end of the meeting and met with several folks interested in learning how to make changes on our website.

Membership: No report.

GSR: A new liaison with Area 56 is still needed.

Grapevine: Robbins S. Not present, no report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Warren G. expressed alarm at the dwindling turnout for Intergroup meetings and the fact that most committee chairs wear several service hats. It was approved that a serious effort be made to increase attendance.

• A request was made for books for a VA meeting. The person requesting them will be asked to attend the next Intergroup meeting to explain the need.

Next Intergroup meeting: Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Fifth and Ludlow Streets. Parking behind church.

Upcoming Area 56 events
• Aug. 19 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.) (Inquiry Discussion)
• Aug. 24-26 East Central Regional Conference (Kalamazoo)
• Sept. 15 Area Assembly (Inventory) (10a.m. – 4p.m.)
• Sept. 16 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)
• Oct. 21 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)
• Nov. 3 Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting
• Nov. 18 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)
• Dec. 16 Committee Meeting (noon – 2 p.m.)
Central Office June Report

TELEPHONE ACTIVITY
A.A. Related Calls ........................................ 465
Twelve Step Calls ........................................... 3
Al-Anon & Narcotics Anonymous .................. 3
Nite Owl ...................................................... 28
Emails .......................................................... 25
Miscellaneous ................................................ 0
Total Calls .................................................... 524

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
BEGINNING BALANCE ...................................... $13,061.57
INCONE
Group Contributions (includes Birthday Club) ...... $3,077.25
Literature Sales ............................................... $4,565.20
Insurance Rebate ............................................ $42.83
* Total monthly income ................................ $7,685.28
TOTAL ....................................................... $20,766.85
EXPENSES
Rent and Utilities ........................................... $395.00
Phone, listing, Internet- includes Night Owl ...... $206.13
Parking ......................................................... $90.00
Accounting Service & Legal Fees ................... $137.50
Wages .......................................................... $2,578.97
BWC ............................................................ $120.17
Office Supplies and Expenses ................. $44.49
Literature Purchases ....................................... $4,982.71
Postage-Freight ............................................ $74.99
Taxes-WH-State-Local-Sales Tax-BWC .......... $1,130.32
Merchant Services Expense ................. $51.85
Fuller and Fulling IDCAA .............................. $206.13
* Total monthly expenses ......................... $9,823.13
MONTH END BALANCE ..................................... $10,934.72

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

Dayton Area Central Office
120 W. 2nd St., Liberty Tower, Suite 211
Dayton, OH 45402
(937) 222-2211 or email 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

June 2018 Central Office Report

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We are halfway through 2018 and overall we are just slightly ahead of the 2017 numbers, June 2018 was a disappointing month with sales being behind our 2017 sales by 20%. Contributions also lagged behind our June 2017 numbers by 9.2%.

In June we were open our usual hours (9 a.m. – noon) on Saturday for five weeks and only sold $5,53 in literature. If this trend continues we will be forced to discontinue our Saturday hours. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the free on-street parking on Saturday and visit Central Office.

At this halfway mark of 2018 we have only received contributions from 88 of the 403 meetings that are listed in the directory. That boils down to 22% of active meetings that are supporting Central Office. Please urge your groups to contribute.

I made an error in reporting the year-to-date contributions in the March report, which unfortunately carried over into April and May. I have made all of the necessary adjustments and will be posting the revised reports on the website. This error in no way affected the monthly contribution reporting and all the groups have been given credit for their contributions. I take full responsibility for this error and apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Procedures are being implemented to prevent this from happening again. All questions and concerns about contribution reporting should be directed to Kim G. (937) 222-2211 or email centraloffice@aadaytononline.org.

— 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.

Things my sponsor taught me

Some things I learned 30 years ago from my sponsor, many old-timers and my home group: I was taught to arrive early, shake hands and welcome new and old alike. We were expected to get our coffee, sit down and prepare to listen. In Step meetings, we were also expected to have read the step ahead of time and come prepared to discuss it. Back then we had to set up and take down tables and chairs, wash coffee cups and clean up ashtrays.

Everyone pitched in and I learned not just about sobriety but how to live in society among others. Etiquette is the customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a group. I am not perfect, far from it but I try to show sponsees proper A.A. etiquette. I am restless and can’t sit long but I try to not be disruptive. I respect A.A. and fellow A.A.’s too much. Now don’t get me started on cell phones.

— Hank S. Grateful, recovered alcoholic.
June Contributions

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

CLUB GROUPS .................. June ........ YTD

ALCO AIDS
Saturday’s “Bird” ................................... $189.60

CROSSROADS

Attitude Adjustment ................................ $100.00
Big Book Study Group (Sunday) ............... $120.00
Drop the Rock ....................................... $24.60
Emotional Sobriety Mon.5:30 ....................... $192.00
Fast Group 5:30 Fri. ................................. $192.00
Forest Park ......................................... $90.00
Hump Group 5:30 Wed ......................... $192.00
It’s In The Book ..................................... $120.00
Keep It Simple .................................... $-
Noo Nego Busters .................................. $60.00
S.M.A.R.T. ............................................ $60.00
Sat. Before Sat. Night ............................... $17.00
Spiritual Maintenance .............................. $123.54
This is Your Meeting YPAA-DAY ............ $60.00
Thurs. Serenity ....................................... $-
Time for Joy ....................................... $-
We Care Group ..................................... $-
Wed. Night Men ..................................... $74.37
Wed. Night Women ................................. $60.00
Woman To Woman Saturday .................. $60.00

NORTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

A Message Of Recovery ......................... $60.00
Beginner Meeting ................................ $60.00
Bill W. Big Book Disc. ........................... $-
Celebrating Sobriety ................................ $-
Chairman’s Choice ................................. $60.00
Daily Reprise Group ............................... $60.00
Deeper Reed ....................................... $-
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 ......................... $240.00
541 Group ......................................... $58.00
A Way Of Life ..................................... $-
Beyond Group Wed AM ......................... $180.00
Fri. Big Book (SSC) ................................ $120.00
Bigger Thank U Group ............................ $6.00
Bring Yr Own Brown Bag ....................... $60.00
Chairman’s Choice Thurs ....................... $200.00
Gay Group ........................................ $-
Happy Hour ....................................... $90.00
Joe & Charlie ........................................ $22.00
Letting Go ......................................... $97.28

Over The Hump Step ............................. $72.50
One day At A Time ................................ $-
Self worth Group ................................. $-
Serenity Sunday Morning ..................... $586.09
Newcomers Group ............................... $-
Sharing She’s ...................................... $60.00
Sister’s Step Study ................................. $-
Upon Awakening ................................ $160.20
Wednesday Noon Step ......................... $-
Women’s Sober Connection ..................... $95.00

SPRINGBORO/FRANKLIN

Living in the Solution ......................... $139.10
Mid-Day Sobriety Groups ..................... $133.20

WESTSIDE CLUB

A Way Of Life .................................... $66.66
Big Book Disc Sunday ......................... $80.00
Sunday Morning Delphos ...................... $60.00

NON-CLUB GROUPS ............... June ........ YTD

A Big Book........................................ $198.00
A Vision For You ................................ $300.00
Acceptance In The Heights .................... $432.10
Afternoon Delight ............................... $25.00
Aley-Beaver Acceptance Thurs .............. $199.24
Aloha at the Gate ................................ $60.00
Back To The Basics .............................. $-
Beavercreek Wake-up ......................... $60.00
Beavercreek Wed Night ....................... $-
Hello Monday Night ............................. $30.00
Bill’s Bunch ....................................... $25.00
Brown Bag CEC ................................ $40.00
CADAS Group ...................................... $101.00
Cedarville Village Group ...................... $-
Coldwater Friday Night ....................... $50.00
Complete Abandon .............................. $-
Covington Tri-City Group ..................... $50.00
Downtowners Gay ............................... $-
Edgemonent ....................................... $60.00
Englewood Friends .............................. $50.00
Evening Of Hope ................................ $90.00
Fairborn Flimsy Reed ......................... $360.00
Fairborn Group Tues ......................... $-
Fairborn Hilltop Group ......................... $100.00
Fairborn Just Us Gals Getting Sober ........ $241.71
Fairborn June 18 ................................ $130.00
Fairborn St. Mark’s Tues ...................... $25.00
Fairborn Working On It ........................ $298.00
Friday Night Live ............................... $150.00
Germantown Group Friday ................. $360.00
Get Busy Living ................................ $180.00
Get It All Out Group ............................ $25.00
Grape vine at Brokville ......................... $61.30
God Help Us-New Carlisle ..................... $120.00
Greenville - Brown Bag ....................... $40.00
Greenville - Do Not Take So Ser ............. $55.00
Hart Street ........................................ $416.20
Harvest Of Hope ................................ $159.00
Honey Creek NC ................................. $50.00
Hot Stove Group ................................ $-
How It Works ..................................... $240.00
Huber Serenity .................................... $158.42
Huber True Ambitions ......................... $82.50
I Can Basics ....................................... $100.00
In The Heart of It All ............................ $-
Introduction To The Steps ..................... $-
Kettering Rebels ................................ $81.00
Language Of The Heart ......................... $-
Lamplighter Spiritual Group .................. $103.11
Lebanon 12X2 ................................ $-
Lebanon Wed Disc ......................... $100.00
Lincoln Park ...................................... $129.30
Living Sober-Lamme Rd ....................... $100.00
Maple Grove Group ............................. $135.00
Medway Full Measure Group .................. $100.00
Miamisburg Big Book Disc............... $-
Miamisburg Burg Group Sun ................. $45.50
Miamisburg One Step Closer ................. $326.00
Miamisburg - New Hope ....................... $100.00
Middletown Spiritual Maintenance ............ $-
Minster Down to Earth Group ............... $-
Montezuma 12 & 12 ......................... $113.56
Moon City Wapak ................................ $-
Needmore Sobriety ............................. $-
New Lebanon .................................... $247.40
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
Palm Group ....................................... $79.50
Pass It On - Fairborn ......................... $127.00
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 .................... $182.00
SOS Group ....................................... $186.00
St. Brigid ........................................... $50.00
St. George Step Sponsor Fri ................... $300.00
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 ..................................... $135.00
Trotwood Group .................................. $180.00
Troy Green and Growing ...................... $129.41
Troy- Saturday Morning Men’s ............. $121.00
Troy Spirituality Group ......................... $90.00
Troy Trinity Sunday ............................. $300.00
Troy- Wed. 12 & 12 Group ..................... $-
Troy-The Best Is Yet To Come ............... $-
Valley Group ...................................... $100.00
VAMC Group VA Thurs/Thur morning ....... $-
Vandalia Fri Night ............................... $400.00
Vandalia Thurs AM .............................. $1,170.00
Victory in the City ............................... $130.00
Washington Church Road Group .......... $222.27
We Agnostics Too ............................... $90.00
Wed Women Aidersgate ....................... $124.85
Welcome Back Step ............................. $205.80
West Alex Tues. Noon ......................... $100.00
West Carrollton-Living Sober ............... $-
West Carrollton Step Tues ...................... $-
West Carrollton Thurs .......................... $270.00
West Milton Monday ......................... $350.00
Wilmington-Pt it Tghtr/Keep It Tghtr ....... $-
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 ................. $94.00
Yellow Springs No Name ...................... $28.44
Yellow Springs Sunday ....................... $-
Zippo Group ....................................... $240.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Made at Central Office ........................ $112.16
Anonymous ...................................... $120.00
Terry T ............................................. $300.00
Birthday Club - Ann P ......................... $30.00
Birthday Club - Lee G ......................... $30.00
Birthday Club - Rex R ......................... $35.00
Birthday Club - John G ....................... $38.00
Birthday Club - Phil O ......................... $21.00
Birthday Club - Diane P ...................... $32.00
TOTAL ........................................... $3,077.75

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.