The middle steps in a timely manner

Luckily, my sponsor, Carl, allowed me almost no “let me think it over” time as we approached my initial middle step process. No time for fear or hesitation was available! Only minutes after praying the Third Step request for God’s help, he had me start a process I call “spontaneous writing” which provided substantive and honest Fourth Step information. I was warned not to write good things about myself because that would take too many pages. Ha!

Carl then helped me actually “read and do” the Fourth Step process directly from the Big Book (PP 64-71). The “spontaneous writing” process started on a Saturday, “at once,” per page 64 instructions, and we then completed Step Four instructions the following Saturday.

The Step Five process of reporting my newly found character defects, etc., with Carl, began just a few minutes after finishing Step Four (first opportunity, page 74), and Step Six began, “then,” (p. 76) and Step Seven was prayed at “first opportunity” (p. 76). Actually, Steps Four through Seven, were completed in a few hours that last Saturday.

Doctor Carl Jung has written: “People will do anything to avoid facing their own soul.” Thankfully, my sponsor didn’t give me time to back out; he followed the Big Book timetable!

As years pass, as I watch newcomers too often disappear between Steps Three and Four, I have become much more appreciative of the Big Book’s timetable for the middle steps. I believe too much in-between time allows fear and doubt to take over; then even the sincerest Third Step decision will often deteriorate into indecision and inaction.

Sometimes I hear, “God will show me when to start my inventory,” or, “I plan to take my time and do it right” and so on. I believe it is good to explain, at this point, that what is missed in Step Four can always be taken care of in Step Ten — even years later when things crop up. A.A. is a program of timely action.

— Bob S., Richmond, IN

Anonymity in the digital age

This topic came up at a recent meeting where a young man from a treatment center said he thought anonymity was old-fashioned. Here’s what the pamphlet from the General Service Office says:

Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as web sites that feature text, graphics, audio and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a web site requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio and film. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos. When we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level.

Q. I’ve heard a number of people, inside and outside of A.A., say the well-known A.A. members should be encouraged to announce their membership to help promote the Fellowship. Why does A.A. continue to maintain the Tradition of anonymity for celebrities and other members?

A. Those Traditions developed out of the experience of the early members. At first, they too felt that well-known A.A. members could help the Fellowship by breaking their anonymity. But it soon became apparent that, if one anonymity breaker stepped forward, others

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PI/CPC Committee Report for Dayton Area Intergroup

NEW ACTIVITY
** Haven Behavioral Hospital ... Central Office forwarded request from the Director of Social Services of Haven Behavioral Hospital of Dayton at One Elizabeth Place. Attached is my e-mail summary of our phone conversation. This is a tremendous collaborative opportunity between A.A. and this facility. More updates to follow.

ONGOING ACTIVITY
** ROTATION ** ... Rotation has been called the "Heartbeat of A.A." In keeping with this vital concept, September 13th will be my last Intergroup meeting as PI/CPC Chairman. Any person interested in the role please contact me so I can help insure a smooth transition.
** Morningstar ... Meets every Friday at 1 pm at Nova House, 732 Beckman (near Wayne & Wilmington) Dayton, OH. Women and men are now required to meet separately. We have two more female volunteers and one more male volunteer. Thanks to Sue and Connie and Bert! Thanks to the people that are and have participated (Kat, Roger, Ryan, Ann, Dan, Sam, Lou, Howie, & Jonathan)! Kat will assume the role of staffing and scheduling the meetings.
** KBMC Kettering Behavior Medical Center ... Lindsay called with willingness to establish a weekly A.A. meeting on Thursday @ 7:30. YAY! Orientation by hospital staff is required. Located 5350 Lamme Rd. Moraine, OH 45439
** Recovery Event ... Aaron S. volunteered to man a table at a local recovery event on August 25th. See attached flyer. Looking for additional 3-4 people.
** FOA Rally 4 Recoveries ... Aug. 26, 3-6 pm at Courthouse Square, Third & Main, and Dayton, OH. We attended the past two years. Table is free. Warren G. will man the table looking for additional 2 - 3 people to assist.
** St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter ... Lou O’. & Glen S. are attending at the Men’s Shelter on Gettysburg on Thursday from 5 to 6 PM – Thanks! More male A.A.s are welcome to attend. Female A.A.s needed to establish a meeting at the Women’s Shelter @ 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!
** 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). Meeting now on Tuesday from 6-7. Kim needs volunteers to give a lead - call Kim @ 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, September 28th and Wednesday, November 28th. We will have one hour from 11 - 12 to make our presentation. Contact me if interested in participating (Thanks to Trish S. Howie H. and John D. for volunteering!). (2) No hospital visits this month.
** Montgomery Co. 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.

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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 9**

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

We have come to another one of those steps that as a newcomer you first read and say to yourself, “No way am I going to do that!” In the Big Book it states, “If we haven’t the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol” (pg. 76). There is definitely some fear involved in this step. However, with faith in our Higher Power, we find the courage to face that fear and walk through it.

The 12 & 12 tells us, “Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage and prudence — these are the qualities we shall need when we take step nine” (pg. 83). To make amends we need to gain the ability to forgive. We will need to use lots of humility and sincerity. We need to remember this is our part of the mess, not theirs. “Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves” (B.B. pg. 76). This step is often more about ourselves repairing our self-esteem, than it is about the other person.

I’m afraid I haven’t been able to adequately explain **HOW** to do this step. The Big Book authors explain this process in detail on pages 76 through 84. We can’t immediately go out and be the “hasty and foolish martyr.” The Big Book describes this as leading with the chin. Nor can a “remorseful mumbling that we are sorry” be enough. “Our behavior will convince them more than our words”(B.B. pg. 83). The best part of this step is the Ninth Step promises on pages 83-84. What a message of hope! It is hard to believe these wonderful events will “come to pass” if we just make amends. But they will happen if we just work this step to the best of our ability.

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**Tradition 9**

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“Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary; the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or inter-group committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by, which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted servants of the whole. They derive no authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

We do not elect or name boards to govern us. We do authorize them to serve us. Tradition Two — “Our leaders are our trusted servants.” No organization in the conventional sense means no management. We trust and authorize our leaders, or in other words, we give them the power to do what is best for the whole. Our trustees are the caretakers and expediters of our world services. We trust them to care for our services. If we don’t trust them, and insist on bringing every business decision back to the groups, nothing will get done and no one gets helped. The aim of our services, whether on a personal or group level, or as a fellowship is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it.

The spirit of rotation and the principle of anonymity go hand in hand with the humility to step down and give someone else the chance to participate. Service is both a right and a privilege. Rotation keeps the principle of principles before personalities in place — no hierarchy. No organization means no membership rules other than the Third Tradition. No human authority to impose obedience or punish offending members.

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**Concept 9**

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concept 9 addresses leadership at all levels of our A.A. service structure. I think we follow this suggestion since I am quite impressed with the quality of leadership I’ve seen at all levels of General Service. Our Trustees, especially the Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees, are capable, well informed, concerned and caring. None of these people are serving for glory or recognition. This also applies to all of the Delegates I met and have had a chance to know through the years. I have become more of a believer in the phrase “God qualifies the chosen.” All this proves to me that ours is truly a spiritual fellowship.

We hear jokes and maybe sometime truths about the person who went to the bathroom and got elected GSR. It might be a bit funny but I am positive that this is not the best way to select a trusted servant. I know of people voting for one person because it was “their turn” rather than because they are the best qualified person for the job. I have seen too many instances when qualified people do not stand for a service position just because they don’t want to ruin someone else’s chance of being selected for that job. The message in Concept 9 tells us that we should have the best-qualified people serving in all levels of our service structure.

So, from GSR to Trustee we have to select the best person to serve us since our Fellowship depends on whom we choose. If we don’t do our part, then who will?

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(Reprinted from 2013 Unity)
BIG BOOK QUIZ

By Twila W.

1. So we think that unless some good and useful purpose is to be served, past ___(.125) should not be discussed.
2. But we must go further and that means more__(p.85).
3. If he speaks of his __(p.145) situation, you can undoubtedly make helpful suggestions.
4. We have had ___(p.105) love affairs with other men.
5. This physician had repeatedly tried ____ (p.xvi 3rdEd) means to resolve his alcoholic dilemma but had failed.
6. We have three little mottoes, which are ___(p.135).
7. We have no ___(p.95) on God;
8. These ___(p.xxvi 3rdEd) types can never safely use alcohol in any form at all…
9. The same principle applies in dealing with the ____ (p.115).
10. Though formerly able and respected, was then nearing the ___(p.155) of alcoholic despair.

Newcomer’s corner

H.O.W.

When I first went into treatment I still wasn’t sure that I was an alcoholic. I knew I had a problem, but still thought I could eventually be cured and get to drink again. I was wrong.

The primary facilitator for my treatment, I’ll call Mr. W., was filled with a passion to get each of us sober. He was one of us, so he knew the possibilities, both good and bad. He always reminded us that if we went back out we would end up in one of three places — institutions, jails or the grave. The other thing he made sure we understood was that we could succeed if we just remembered H.O.W. (Honest, Open-minded and Willing).

I initially struggled with being honest with myself, holding onto the hope that I may not be a true alcoholic. Some of this was because I wanted to be able to drink again, but also because I believed the stigma that if I accepted the label of alcoholic a sign would immediately appear over my head saying, “Stay Away, Damaged Goods.” I felt like if anyone found out what I was, I would become an outcast with my friends and family. Thankfully, because of how far down I had gone, I was willing to listen and open-minded enough to change my perspective. It didn’t take long for me to accept the truth, and I was surprised to find that instead of being shunned by my friends and family they are now my biggest supporters.

Today I find that H.O.W. works in many other areas of my life. Thanks to this, my relationship with my Higher Power, as well as with my friends and family, is stronger than it has ever been. If you ever start to think it might be all right if you have just one drink, remember H.O.W.

— Daniel R.
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, 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, 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!

Sept. 13 — 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.
- 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 as $10 for your event.
- Saturday, Sunday, Monday, September 1st, 2nd, 3rd — Holiday Cookout — last chance of the summer — hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill $3 a plate with the fixin’s. Bring a side to share if you like.
- Saturday, Sept. 15, noon to 4pm — CAR WASH — donations accepted. Hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill while you wait. $3 a plate.
- Saturday, Sept. 22, 8pm — KARAOKE — with DJ Gonzo Dave. Family friendly event. Free admission.
- Saturday, Sept. 29, 7pm — Card Nite — Bring some friends, play some cards, dominoes or board games.

Trinity West Anniversary
(formerly known as Trinity Lakeside)

When: Oct. 10, 2018
Where: Westside Club, 3359 W. 2nd Street, Dayton
Time: Dinner - 6:30 Speaker – 7:30

Meat and coffee furnished, please bring a covered dish

Northside Fellowship Club
Friends of Bill W.
Primitive Camping Weekends
Group Campsite, Germantown Metro Park
7350 Boomerishie Road.
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
August 9 Intergroup minutes

CHAIR: Kathy H. khassig@gmail.com
SECRETARY: Andi R. grdesired@gmail.com
VICE CHAIR: Tony H. ahuguely@gmail.com
TREASURER: Jim T. jmtorbett@gmail.com

Welcome: Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Angie J. read the Preamble and Phil B. read the Twelve Traditions.

Announcements: Several flyers were provided for upcoming events, including the Crossroads Club Sept. 8 picnic, PIU CPC report, OYPAA state convention at Great Wolf Lodge Sept. 14-16. It was announced that Nancy S., longtime member, died Wednesday, Aug. 8. Also prayers are requested for Howie H. who has been ill.

August A.A. Birthday: None

New Representatives: None

Secretary's Report: Distributed and accepted. Secretary was absent so Tony H. took notes.

Treasurer's Report:
Opening balance .............................................. $15,017.43
Deposits ............................................................. $278.50
Total Checks ....................................................... $1,110.38
Closing balance ................................................... $14,165.55
Big Change from Small Change Balance ............ $253.50
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Big Change from Small Change Contributions
NOTE: Anyone taking meetings into correctional facilities may contact Central Office or the corrections chair for information on how to access this fund for literature.

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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.
Full report on Page 7.

Archives: John B. reported for Tom M. who is ill.
- Archives is working to digitize the collection so that a backup can be stored off site to protect it in case of fire or other disaster.

Unity: Ann P. daytonunity@gmail.com
- Unity has been receiving more articles from new contributors, which are most welcome.
- 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 Feast 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. pbayley@woh.rr.com
- Speaker for the Nov. 4 breakfast is Jeanne G. from Cleveland. Flyers and tickets will be available soon.
- The November banquet is the last for Phil who will be rotating out. A new chair is needed.

Web: Tony H. and Andi R. are working to learn how to update the website.

Membership: Angie J. will be rotating out and a new chair is needed.

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

Grapevine: Robbin S. has subscription forms and will distribute them to any events interested.

Old Business: Need to increase attendance and membership in Intergroup. Only 16 people attended this meeting out of more than 400 groups in the Dayton area.

New Business: Efforts to increase participation in Intergroup and Area 56 is critical to carrying the message. Reps are urged to encourage more people to do this important service work.

Next Intergroup meeting: Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Fifth and Ludlow Streets. Parking behind church.

Area 56 news

From the pamphlet The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, p.33
“Anonymity is real humility at work. It is the all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere.

Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity. We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.”

The September Assembly of Area 56 rotates in nature from being a voting assembly followed the next year by an Inventory Assembly. It expresses an important part of who we are as alcoholics in recovery. We are reminded that the growth of our Fellowship depends on a willingness to take our inventory as a whole society if we are to survive.

We need your help, input, voice and support! Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., we will have an opportunity to discuss the needs of Area 56, how we can best serve the still suffering alcoholic, and assist our groups and districts with the work they do. We will also include food, fun and Fellowship along with service opportunities. We meet at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 S. Gebhart Church Road, Miamisburg.

For example: Are important decisions reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible, substantial unanimity? Does the Area carry its fair share of the job of helping Districts? The Grapevine? G.S.O.? Groups in Correction and Treatment Centers? Loners? What more can the Area do to carry the message? Is Area service attracting only a certain kind of alcoholic, or are we getting a good cross section of A.A. members into service?

Having just returned from the Ohio State Convention in Toledo this year the Area Panel is preparing to attend the East Central Regional Conference at the end of August. We continue to learn and grow in ways that we can be of better service to our Area. The September Assembly will be packed with much activity, service, work and fun. We need all groups and their voices to be represented. Please join us.

Jenny C., Delegate@aoarea56.org
(513) 289-7657
Central Office July Report

TELEPHONE ACTIVITY
A.A. Related Calls .................................................. 443
Twelve Step Calls .................................................. 3
Al-Anon & Narcotics Anonymous ....................... 5
Emails .................................................................. 21
Miscellaneous ......................................................... 0
Total Calls ............................................................ 472

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
BEGINNING BALANCE ................................................ $11,197.13
INCOME
Group Contributions (includes Birthday Club) .... $4,224.05
Literature Sales ..................................................... $5,488.73
BWC Rebate ........................................................... $107.10
** Total monthly income .................................... $9,819.88
TOTAL ............................................................... $21,007.01
EXPENSES
Rent and Utilities ................................................... $475.00
Phone, listing, Internet- includes Night Owl .... $207.70
Parking ................................................................. $90.00
Accounting Service & Legal Fees ................. $2,579.70
Wages ................................................................. $2,579.70
BWC ................................................................. $104.35
Office Supplies and Expenses ............... $3,591.48
Literature Purchases ....................................... $480.28
Postage-Freight ...................................................... $77.42
Taxes-WH-State-Local-Sales Tax-BWC ...... $1,623.84
Merchant Services Expense ......................... $51,723.84
Computer Support .............................................. $180.85
Convention-IOCAA .............................................. $480.28
** Total monthly expenses ......................... $9,560.36
MONTH END BALANCE ........................................... $11,446.65

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

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Credit cards are accepted!
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon
Books, CDs, tokens, jewelry, book covers

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July 2018 was much improved when compared to June 2018 but we fell short when compared to July a year ago. Overall, we were down almost 5% when compared to 2017.

Thank you to all who contributed and bought literature at Central Office. We will continue to be of service to the entire Area with the Nite Owl volunteer phone program and with maintaining a 12-step call list. We need volunteers for both of these vital, all-volunteer service programs. Please contact Central Office if you are willing to serve. Our phone number is 937-222-2211 and our email is centraloffice@aadaytonline.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

– Kim G. – Manager, Central Office

Shop local, support Central Office

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.

Meetings, sponsor, steps

I like simple directions because they are easy for me to remember. As a newcomer to A.A., I was overwhelmed by how much there was to learn. When I attended a meeting, I would read the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and pick a few that I understood. Very often it was the steps I didn’t like that caught my attention. I tried to listen and understand when members talked at the meetings. At some point in the meeting an old timer would say, “Go to meetings, get a sponsor and work the steps.” I found this short message extremely helpful. I could leave a meeting and remember what I needed to do next. I learned the rest of the program working with my sponsor but that simple message really helped me in early sobriety.

– Erin S.

Anonymity in the digital age

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would follow; and if members were to strive for public acclaim and power, the spiritual unity so essential to the work of helping fellow alcoholics would soon be lost.

Q. What about making or posting video recordings of talks and meetings? Are these considered to be anonymity breaks, since people are seen full-face and clearly identify themselves as A.A. members?

A. Realizing that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, it is recommended that talks by A.A. members be given in person, rather than be video recorded in view of the temptation of video recording to place personalities before principles,” and thus encourage the development of a “star” system in A.A. (As per 1980 General Service Conference resolution)
### NORTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

A Message Of Recovery ................................................. $60.00  
Beginner Meeting ....................................................... $50.00  
Bill W. Big Book Disc .................................................. $29.99  
Celebrating Sobriety .................................................... $-  
Chairman’s Choice ....................................................... $60.00  
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 .................................................... $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 .............................................. $60.00  
Chairman’s Choice Thurs .............................................. $200.00  
Gaay Group ................................................................. $-  
Happy Hour ............................................................... $60.00  
Joe & Charlie ............................................................... $22.00  
Just Say Noon ............................................................. $80.00  
Letting Go ............................................................... $97.28  
Over The Hump Step .................................................... $72.50  
One day At A Time ..................................................... $100.00  
Self worth Group ........................................................ $-  
Serenity Sunday Morning .............................................. $586.09  
Newcomers Group ....................................................... $-  
Sharing Her ............................................................... $160.00  
Sister’s Step Study ........................................................ $-  
Upon Awakening ........................................................ $160.20  
Wednesday Noon Step ................................................. $-  
Women’s Sober Connection .......................................... $95.00  
SPRINGBORD/FRANKLIN

Living in the Solution .................................................. $139.10  
Mid-Day Sobriety Groups .............................................. $123.00  

### WESTCLIDE CLUB

A Way Of Life ............................................................. $86.66  
Big Book Disc Sunday ................................................... $80.00  

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## July Contributions

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

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**Spiritual Maintenance** .................................................. $123.54

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

### Time for Joy .............................................................. $-  
We Care Group ........................................................... $50.00  
Wed. Night Men .......................................................... $74.37  
Wed. Night Women ....................................................... $60.00  
Women’s Drop the Rock ................................................ $50.00  
Woman To Woman Saturday ............................................. $75.25  

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**INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

*“Keep the Change” Contributions ................................... $70.00  
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  
Xenia Serenity ............................................................ $34.00  
Yellow Springs No Name .............................................. $28.44  
Yellow Springs Sunday ................................................ $-  
Zippop Group ............................................................ $120.00  
Group #625669 ......................................................... $77.00  

**TOTAL** ........................................................................ $1,238,226

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**Birthday Club**

Central Office has established the Birthday Club. A donation on your anniversary is a way to show gratitude. 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 call Central Office at (937) 222-2211.