

What's New?

SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

Suggested Statement on Safety

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Service Material from the General Service Office

Under the "What's New" tab on the home page of Alcoholics Anonymous website, this card may be helpful to AA groups as a way of affirming that unity makes a safe meeting environment. The heading on the reverse side of the card, "Our Common Welfare," is followed by the long form of Tradition One: *Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.*

Alcoholics Anonymous: www.aa.org



Anniversaries

July

Martin S. 7/1/07
Jeff B. 7/3/79
Rebecca S. 7/4/05
Fred F. 7/11/07
Dave E. 7/14/93
Dale J. 7/22/07
Matt S. 7/23/09
Spook A. 7/23/82
Gene D. 7/27/09

August

Carl W. 8/3/03
John B. 8/4/84
Marie J. 8/4/02
Stu H. 8/8/08
Al C. 8/15/07
Pete C. 8/27/95
Kevin D. 8/28/92

"Join Us... With Complete Abandon"

64th Annual Indiana State Convention and
East Central Regional Conference

July 14-16, 2017

Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne

More information at: www.area22indiana.org



The Amethyst Statement of Purpose: The Amethyst is published every two months for members of the A.A. community in the Fort Wayne area. The Amethyst is financially supported by contributions to Fort Wayne Area Intergroup. The purpose of The Amethyst is to share information and experience in recovery, unity and service in the Fort Wayne area. The articles published in The Amethyst are not intended to be statements of A.A. policy nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either Fort Wayne Area Intergroup, Inc. or A.A. as a whole.

8 Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.



I ask: Who did I hurt?
How can I fix it?

The Twelve Steps Illustrated
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“Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past.”

Now we need more action, without which we find that “Faith without works is dead.” Let’s look at *Steps Eight and Nine*. 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. We subjected ourselves to drastic self-appraisal. 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. 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*.

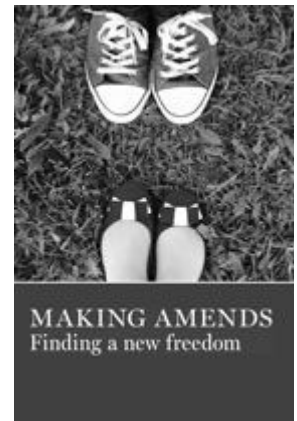
– *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 76

New from Grapevine

Making Amends
Finding a New Freedom

A collection of stories
from the magazine

www.aagrapevine.org



A.A. History

July 1950 – First International Convention at Cleveland.
The Twelve Traditions adopted by the movement.

July 1955 – Twentieth anniversary Convention at St. Louis. Second Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* published.

August 1934 – Oxford Groups sober up Ebby T., a friend of Bill’s.

August 1939 – Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia start work at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron. They treat 5,000 cases in the next ten years.

From *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*
“Landmarks in A.A. History”

Intergroup Services

Group Contributions

April

Aldersgate Discussion Group
Design For Living Group
Early Start Group
Freedom At Last Group
Grapevine Group
Huntertown 12x12 Group
Mon. Nite Vets Group
New Haven Canal Group
New Haven Open Discussion Group
Northeast Group
Speak-EZ Group
Westside Group

May

Big Book Study Group
Bloomington Group
Canterbury Big Book Group
Early Start Group
Into Action Group
Singleness Of Purpose Group
Sisters In Sobriety Group
Sunday Night Group
Thirteen Step House Meetings
Unity Group
Upon Awakening Group
Waynedale Group

The Amethyst – SUBMISSIONS: The Amethyst welcomes feature articles, supporting articles, group histories, anniversaries, jokes, cartoons and upcoming events as long as they relate to A.A. experience and reflect an awareness of A.A.'s singleness or purpose. Submissions are reviewed by newsletter committee and recommended to the editor for publication.

LENGTH: The Amethyst will publish work of different lengths, from feature articles to one-liners.

Send submissions to: editor.amethyst@gmail.com or mail to:

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Events & Notes

July 14, 15, 16

“Join Us... With Complete Abandon,” 64th annual Indiana State Convention and the East Central Regional Conference. Grand Wayne Convention Center, 120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne 46802. Registration \$25. More information is posted on the Area 22 website: www.area22indiana.org

July 23

District 41/43 Picnic, Luceren Park, 800 Park Ave., Warsaw 46580. 11 a.m.

Aug. 7

Fort Wayne Area Intergroup Elections, Crescent Ave. Methodist Church, 1232 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne 46815, 7 p.m.

August 13

Area 22 Assembly, The Fellowship of Hope Club, 1301 N. Webster St., Kokomo 46901, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Flier and map are posted at: www.area22indiana.org

Group Anniversary

Central Group met in Rexall Drug Store at the corner of Barr and Jefferson in February 1942. The group celebrated its 75th anniversary on June 27 with an ice cream social and speaker Paige S, who is chairing the July meetings. The group welcomes new members and invites everyone to attend the speaker meetings at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne at Webster, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Change.

Grapevine Group meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. through the month of July. Effective August 7, the group begins meeting on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the same location and meeting room: First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne at Webster, second floor.

**Fort Wayne Area Intergroup meets the first Monday of the month,
Crescent Avenue Church at Tennessee, 7 p.m.**

Elections will be held Monday, August 7.

2017 Conference *Advisory Actions* – Excerpt of *Box 4-5-9*

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations put forward by the standing committees of the General Service Conference that have been discussed, voted on and approved by the Conference body as a whole during general sessions. Additional Committee Considerations reflect items discussed by each committee that have been presented to the full Conference body in the form of each committee's report, but have not been presented for any additional Conference action. They are put forward as a record of the committee's deliberations and/or suggestions for additional consideration.

A number of Advisory Actions from the 2017 General Service Conference, along with some of the additional considerations, appear below in condensed form. A complete list of Advisory Actions will be published in the Final Conference Report.

Advisory Actions

Archives — that a draft or progress report of the work in progress, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970*, be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review.

Cooperation with the Professional Community — that text be developed for C.P.C. pamphlets with information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services.

Literature — that text about young people's conferences be added to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."; that "The A.A. Group" pamphlet be revised to include text from the service piece "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare"; and that the trustees' Literature Committee develop language regarding safety for current and new recovery literature, where appropriate.

Policy/Admissions — that the 2018 General Service Conference move ahead with electronic voting; that an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report be published in addition to the current print version.

Public Information — that a new video public service announcement be developed; that A.A. World Services, Inc. create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program.

Treatment and Accessibilities — that the pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" be retitled "Accessibility for All Alcoholics" and approved with minor editorial changes.

Trustees — that the slate of trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in April 2017.

Floor Actions — that in the spirit of unity and inclusiveness, the General Service Office strive to provide Conference background materials in English by February 15 and Spanish and French by the first week in March, beginning with the 68th General Service Conference; that the pamphlet, "Too Young?" be revised to reflect more current collective experiences of young alcoholics and their welcome to A.A.; and that A.A. Grapevine create a Google for Nonprofits account, with use of the account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program.

See the Summer 2017 issue of *Box 4-5-9* for the summary of additional considerations and reporting on the 2017 AA General Service Conference.

**Drinking problem?
There is a solution.**

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