



# SOBER DAZE

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### Editor Thoughts

I wish to thank our previous Editor David J. for his devoted help and commitment to carry on the District 12 informational messages in our newsletter. Good luck to You and Kim in your new endeavor, caring for her father.

I wish to thank to Office Committee for entrusting Me with the duty of continuing the task of fulfilling the job of editor of this publication. Bringing old and new information to advance the AA message.

Fred I. (Editor)

If you have a topic, story, article, or ideas for Sober Daze, please send it in. This is a We Experience and We have a lot of recovery between us.

### View AA Videos at:

[http://www.augustaaa.org/public\\_service\\_announcement\\_videos.html](http://www.augustaaa.org/public_service_announcement_videos.html)

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/videos-and-audios](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios)

### Read Sober Daze anytime by Viewing.

[http://www.augustaaa.org/sober\\_daze.html](http://www.augustaaa.org/sober_daze.html)



To solve our problems, we must rise to a level of consciousness above our norm. For us that level is one of humble sober-minded Spiritual Awareness.

-- Barefoot Windwalker --

### **Important Dates in A.A. History**

(Details from have assembled by Nancy O. of Virginia. This is a Maryland AA History site.)

October 1, 1957 – Alcoholics Anonymous ‘A. A. Comes of Age’ is published.

October 3, 1945 – AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.

October 13, 1939 – Bill W. gets his driver’s license.

October 20, 1928: Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added 2<sup>nd</sup> promise.

October 1936 – Bill C. a Canadian alkie staying at Bill’s house, committed suicide using a gas stove.

November 11, 1934 – Bill W’s final drunk begins on Veterans Day and lasts about a month.

November 13, 1939 – Bill wants to go back to work, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement November 13, 1939

November 16, 1950 – Dr Bob S dies in Akron, Ohio

November 28, 1934 – Ebby T. carries message to Bill.

November 28, 1939 – Akron group withdrawals from association with Oxford Group. Meetings moved from T Henry & Clarice Williams to Dr Bob and other members’ homes.

November 28, 1943 – Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary. (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943)

December 2, 1943 – Bill speaks to 300 at meeting inside San Quentin

December 6, 1939 – Bert the Tailor lends Works Publishing \$10  
December 7, 1949 – Sister Ignatia accepts Poverello Medal of St Francis on AA’s behalf

December 8, 1934 – Bill admitted to Towns Hosp 4th/last time (fall ’33, ’34 in summer, midsummer and final admittance).

December 12, 1934 – Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital

December 13, 1934 – Ebby visited Bill at hospital, brought William James’s book, “Varieties of Religious Experience”.

December 20, 1945 – Rowland Hazard dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby)”

## A.A. Biography

### A Brief History of 855 Ardmore

This small, craftsman's house, tucked away on a quiet street in Akron, Ohio, was the life-long home of Dr. Bob Smith and his wife, Anne Ripley Smith. Built in 1915, the house was where Dr. Smith brought his bride in 1916; and where they lived for the next 34 years until their deaths: Anne in 1949 and Dr. Bob in 1950. It was here, in this humble home, that Dr. Smith was to take his incredible journey through the twelve steps and into history as the Founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was in this house and surrounding neighborhood where the miracle of recovery began for many hundreds of men and women; individuals who went on to spread this welcome message of recovery around the world. Many visitors have spoken of a feeling of oneness with the spirit of AA as soon as they climbed the front steps and crossed the threshold. It is our hope and belief that you will too. Many once- hopeless alcoholics, Dr. Bob among them, made their first shaky steps toward recovery in this place. Walking through these rooms, we may reflect on those days in the 1930's and 1940's when the Smiths and their visitors spoke of spiritual matters, and reflected in gratitude, on how dramatically their lives had changed because of them.

The Home was named a National Historic Landmark on Oct. 31, 1985; Dr. Bob's Home was named a State Historical Site by Governor Richard Celeste. On October 17, 2012, Dr. Bob's Home was named a National Historic Landmark. Dr. Bob's Home is one of only two National Historic Landmarks in Summit County and one of 73 in the state of Ohio. Source: Dr. Bob's Home, Akron, Ohio - <https://www.drbobshome.org/about/history/>



**The ABC's of Life**  
**(as found on an A.A. Group's wall)**

I travel quite a bit and I try to visit different A.A. Groups while on the road. Each Group is autonomous, so each group looks and acts differently. I recently found the below in an A.A. meeting room.

**A**ccept Differences  
**B**e Kind  
**C**ount Your Blessings  
**D**ream  
**E**xpress Thanks  
**F**orgive  
**G**ive Freely  
**H**arm No One  
**I**magine More  
**J**ettison Anger  
**K**ep Confidences  
**L**ove Truly  
**M**aster Something  
Cause

**N**urture Hope  
**O**pen Your Mind  
**P**ack Lightly  
**Q**uell Rumors  
**R**eciprocate  
**S**eek Wisdom  
**T**ouch Hearts  
**U**nderstand  
**V**alue Truth  
**W**in Graciously  
**X**eriscape  
**Y**earn for Peace  
**Z**ealously Support a Worthy

The above is not approved A.A. literature. But it does give support to that A.A. statement of 'in all our affairs.'

The above are also great ways to show that we have 'gained interest in our fellows.'

## Archives – Your History Lesson

‘Those who do not know the past will repeat it.’ A.A. members have been through a lot and have worked through lots of tough times. If you are in a rough spot, help can be found at:

District 12 Archives - [http://www.augustaaa.org/central\\_office\\_committees.html](http://www.augustaaa.org/central_office_committees.html)

This committee gathers, displays and stores historical information, which relates to AA and our recovering community. If you are one of those people that do not like the exposure but would like to give back a little to the community, please come join us!

**Area 16 (Georgia) Archives** - <https://www.aageorgia.org/archives.html>

Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened.

**Akron Archives** - <https://akronaa.org/history-and-archives/>

The Mission of the Akron AA Archives

- To preserve the A.A. message and carry it to other alcoholics.
- To preserve the history of our fellowship to prevent distortion.
- To cooperate with and support other A.A. archives and archivists working within A.A.’s service structure and the 12 Traditions.

**New York (GSO) Archives** - <https://www.aa.org/gso-archives>

The mission of the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office Archives is:

- to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous
- to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers
- to provide a context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles and tradition Interested **in District 12 History?** Contact the Archive Committee to learn more about our District 12 history, how to make contributions, or how to volunteer:
- **Group Meetings Come Celebrate with Us!**

If you are in need for a fun time with great friends, visit with a District Group and celebrate the miracles of recovery.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Founded</b>	<b>Celebrates</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Founded</b>	<b>Celebrates</b>
Alpha Group	2/27/1973		Liberty Street Group	12/6/2014	
Downtown Club	8/31/2009		Live and Let Live Group	4/13/2022	
Early Bird Group	1/1/2015		Lumpkin Road	12/6/2014	
Evans	2/3/1995	Every Thursday	Martinez	7/31/1980	
First Step	3/25/1974		Men's Group	7/31/1980	
Forest Hills	9/6/1963		Mid Day Group	6/1/2001	
Gratitude Group	1/16/2006	Last Friday @ Noon	National Hills	11/18/1985	
Grovetown Fellowship	7/25/2022	Last Tuesday	New Beginning	12/17/1982	Celebrant Chooses
Grovetown Sober Sunday Happy Hour	8/31/1988	First Saturday at 8:00 P.M.	New Perceptions	3/ /2002	Last Friday: @ 7:00, Meeting
Harlem	10/1/1989		No Nipping Nooners	12/13/1989	Celebrant Chooses
Hephzibah	12/1/1989	Last Friday @ Noon	Path to Freedom	3/ /2002	Last Friday: Chips @ 7:45, Meeting @ 8:00
Hill	12/27/1966	First Saturday at 8:00 P.M.	S.H.E. Group	1/ /1989	
In Step	2/5/1991		Thomson Group	9/6/1949	Last Saturday 7:00 Eating / 8:00 Mtg
Just for Today	12/1/1989		Too Sleepy to Drink	4/1/2008	
Last Call Group	3/6/2002		Warrenton		
Leah Group	208/25/09		Washington	5/1/1982	Person Picks: 6:00 Eating / 7:00 Meeting
			West Town AA Group	4/1/08	

## Recovery Center Update

At this time, Serenity Behavioral Health Center is not allowing A.A. meetings at the facility. This action has ended a Service opportunity for many Groups. However, there are many recovery facilities located in the Augusta area. Please contact Tyrone at 917-860-8773 for questions and to volunteer.

### 12th District Central Office Activities

Central Office Activity	Past 12 Months Total	Monthly Average	Last 3 Months Total
Calls to Answering Service	870	73	219
AA Calls to Central Office	662	55	162
Al-Anon Calls to Central Office	25	2	7
Other Calls to Central Office	24	2	6
Visitors to the Central Office	832	69	209
Total Central Office Contacts	2,413	201	603
AA Literature/Items Sales	\$10,616.05	\$884.67	\$2,266.02
Other Literature/Items Sales	\$10,115.07	\$847.97	\$2,889.28
Total Central Office Sales	\$20,731.12	\$1,727.59	\$5,155.27
Web Site Visits	39,736	3,311	10,782
Search Hits	162,133	13,511	42,538

### I Get by With a Little Help From My AA Pamphlet

The Central Office is one of the few in the nation with full-time staffing and a wide variety of AA approved literature.

## **Grapevine**

This committee participates in letting the community know about the wonderful recovering magazine offered by AA. We also help groups to build their own Grapevine displays and offer our Grapevine displays for community and group functions. If you would like to help get the word out, come join us for service opportunities, **please email:**

12thdistrictcentraloffice@comcast.net

## **Founders Day Celebration 2024**

Founders Day was June 10<sup>th</sup>!

The funding goal for 2024 is \$1,300 (including a \$300 Prudent Reserve).

Donations are needed now to make purchases. Your Group or Individual support is requested for the \$1,300 needed. Small contributions today help make easy planning in 2024. **GOAL: \$1300**

Please consider a contribution—the sooner we meet our goal, the easier planning will be.

Calls to Answering Service:	68
Calls to Central Office: <b>A.A.</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Al-Anon</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>
Vistors to Central Office	<b>72</b>



**12thdistrictcentraloffice@comcast.net**

Our thanks to the Groups that made contributions to the Central Office the past month. It is important to have participation. From all groups no matter the size of the group and the amount. Remember the Central Office is staffed by volunteers and is OPEN (9am – 5pm) Monday thru Friday for your convenience.

## **Faithful Fivers**

**Thank you for supporting the Central Office!**

Denney B  
Jim & Billie B  
Cathy C  
Bruce/Kathy D  
David W  
Cleveland J  
Traylor J  
Katie & Fred I  
Dan W  
Neil T  
**AVAILABLE!!**

Kathryn Z  
Jimmy & Tammra H  
David J  
Pat J  
Rosemary M  
Tony B  
Lisa S  
Ellen W  
Joe C  
Gratitude Group  
**AVAILABLE!!**

Al K  
Linda S  
Last Call Group  
Gene/Judy T  
Sara R  
Frank W  
Ranscine R.  
Margie S  
Lumpkin Fellowship Grp  
**AVAILABLE!!**

## Faithful Fivers Payment Plan

I agree to pledge, and here is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sobriety Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **12th District Central Office**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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### **Enroll in the Faithful Fivers**

“Faithful Fivers” are A.A. members who, in gratitude, contribute five dollars a month toward supporting the 12th District Central Office.

With this support, the Central Office pays for the printing of this publication and making it available to the suffering alcoholic. When you enroll as a supporter, each issue will be delivered to your home.



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