



# SOBER DAZE

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## **Editor Thoughts**

Struggles in life and challenges faced help to lead us to our Freedoms. It is not what we can make in our lives, it is what we can do to help someone else in theirs. It is by being of service, grace is bestowed.

**Fred I. (Editor)**

If you have a topic, story, article, or ideas for Sober Daze , please send it in. This is a We program, 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 visiting**

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



## **EDUCATE YOURSELF**

“When you are awake the dream is gone...When you are Enlightened the ‘world of illusion’ is gone...and the TRUTH will make you FREE.”

“There is no religion higher than TRUTH”

*Barefoot Bill*

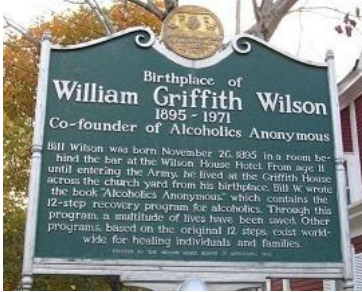
# AA Biography

The Wilson House



Bill Wilson was born here on November 26, 1896 in East Dorset, Vermont. In his role as co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill Wilson was by far one of the most influential people of the 20th century. In creating this program, Bill has been instrumental in literally saving the lives of millions of people across the globe and created a transformative, universal support system for those in recovery. The Twelve Step program he and Dr. Bob founded continues to do the same in the 21st century.

**William Griffith Wilson** (November 26 1895 – January 24, 1971) A.K.A. **Bill Wilson** or **Bill W.**, was the co-founder of [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) (AA).



## Archives – Your History Lessons

“Those who do not know the past will repeat it. A.A. members have been through a lot and have worked through lots of difficult 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 traditions

### **Interested in District 12 History?**

Contact the Archives Committee to learn more about our District 12 history, how to make contributions, or how to volunteer:  
[12thdistrictcentraloffice@comcast.net](mailto:12thdistrictcentraloffice@comcast.net)

## **Doing the Impossible**

Several years ago I was in Chicago for a meeting for all AA Central Offices in North America. While there I was talking to the Manager of the Los Angeles Central Office. She said she had never heard of the Augusta (12<sup>th</sup> District) Central Office and could I tell her what we did there. I told her we have a book store, a website, 24 hour answering service and a quarterly newsletter. She asked how many groups support us and I told her there are about 40 groups in the Augusta area. She then said "That is Impossible". I asked her to explain and she said 40 groups are not enough to financially support what the office does.

I told her we have been doing the impossible for more than 30 years. She asked how we can do that. She asked if we charge high prices for our books. I told her prices are the lowest anywhere and that for Conference Approved literature we charge less than we buy it for. We are able to do what we do because no one is paid for working, including the Manager and the Board members. She said are you aware that if you paid even one salary you would go broke.

I told her we understood that but we have a wonderful group of volunteers who are paid not with money but with Sobriety which is priceless. She said that is amazing and we should keep on with what we are doing.

Submitted By: Charlie J.

Here are the volunteers that do the impossible.

Office Manager – Jimmy H.

Board Members – Glenn L., Greg A., Charlie J., Traylor J.,

Sober Daze Editor- Fred I.

Volunteers – Bill R., James J., Paul L., Mike T., Sylvester H., Bob S., John G., Traylor J., Geo C., Michelle J.

• **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	
<b>Grovetown Fellowship</b>	<b>7/25/2022</b>	Last Tuesday	New Beginning	12/17/1982	Celebrant Chooses
Grovetown Sober Sunday			New Perceptions	3/ /2002	Last Friday: @ 7:00, Meeting
Happy Hour	8/31/1988	First Saturday at 8:00 P.M.	No Nipping Nooners	12/13/1989	Celebrant Chooses
Harlem	10/1/1989		Path to Freedom	3/ /2002	Last Friday: Chips @ 7:45, Meeting @ 8:00
Hephzibah	12/1/1989	Last Friday @ Noon	S.H.E. Group	1/ /1989	
Hill	12/27/1966	First Saturday at 8:00 P.M.	Thomson Group	9/6/1949	Last Saturday 7:00 Eating / 8:00 Mtg
In Step	2/5/1991		Too Sleepy to Drink	4/1/2008	
Just for Today	12/1/1989		Warrenton		
Last Call Grou	3/6/2002		Washington	5/1/1982	Person Picks: 6:00 Eating /
Leah Group	208/25/09		West Town AA Group	4/1/08	7:00 Meeting

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## Group Members Anniversary Date

If you want your Group Members added to Sober Daze, please make a LIST and send it to [http://www.augustaaa.org/sober\\_daze.html](http://www.augustaaa.org/sober_daze.html) BEFORE the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the last issue of the Quarterly publication available. Sober Daze goes to print on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the last month to make it Available for the District Meeting. So get the information in before September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Oct-Nov-Dec issue

### Gratitude Group

JULY	
Terisa H.	07-01-2012
Michael S.	07-17-2019
Julie C.	07-02-1998
Amy C.	07-01-2023
Riona C.	07-19-2022
Allyson S.	07-14-2023
AUGUST	
Paul L.	08-25-1974
Sylvester H.	08-16-2012
Michelle B.	08-02-2023
Tom S.	08-08-2014
SEPT.	
Glenn L.	09-24-1987
Brandi H.	09-10-2023
Charlie G.	09-24-2023
Debbie D.	09-05-2005
Dorothy H.	09-20-2023
Sandra H.	09-20-2023

### Grovetown Fellowship Group

**July** none

#### August

Fred I. 08-09-1989

#### September

Katie I. 09-05-1995

Micheal 09-00-2012

**12<sup>th</sup> District Central  
Office Activities  
2024**

<b>Central Office Activity</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>Mnthly Average</b>	<b>Last 3 Months Total</b>
Calls to Answering Service	399	66.5	180
AA Calls to Central Office	268	44.6	106
Al-Anon Calls to Central Office	16	1.6	9
Other Calls to Central Office	12	2	6
Visitors to the Central Office	397	66	188
<b>Web Site Activity</b>			
Web Site Visits	22,689	3,781.5	11,907
Search Hits	203,555	33,925	160,961

**Cash Flow**  
2024  
April

**Inflows**

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AAWS Sales	1174.55
Faithful Fivers Contributions	195.00
Group Contributions	1025.06
Non Conference Sales	913.90
Other Contributions	0.00
Various Sales	0.00
Various Contributions	0.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>3308.51</b>

**Outflows**

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AAWS Literature	1601.60
Answering Service	141.50
Bank Charges	0.00
Business Expense	0.00
Conference/Training	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Janitorial	0.00
Managers Vehicle Expense	0.00
Non Conference Literature	345.52
Non Conference Misc (Chip, etc)	717.42
Office Eqpt/Maint	0.00
Phone	143.42
Printing	125.00
Rent	625.00
Sales and Use Tax	617.97
Seminar Accrual	0.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>4317.43</b>

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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-1008.92</b>
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**Net Worth**



As of April 30

**ASSETS**

<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking	2583.81
Prudent Reserve CD	12000.00
Seminar Training Accrual	167.97
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>14751.78</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Inventory	23107.00
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>23107.00</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Credit Card Balance	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>37514.72</b>

**Cash Flow**  
2024  
May

**Inflows**

AAWS Sales	1464.85
Faithful Fivers Contributions	55.00
Group Contributions	876.51
Non Conference Sales	1105.64
Other Contributions	5.00
Various Sales	0.00
Various Contributions	15.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>3522.00</b>

**Outflows**

AAWS Literature	520.84
Answering Service	131.50
Bank Charges	6.72
Business Expense	0.00

Conference/Training	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Janitorial	0.00
Managers Vehicle Expense	0.00
Non Conference Literature	0.00
Non Conference Misc (Chip, etc)	2262.41
Office Eqpt/Maint	0.00
Phone	143.29
Printing	0.00
Rent	625.00
Sales and Use Tax	0.00
Seminar Accrual	0.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3689.76</b>
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-167.76</b>

**Net Worth**  
As of May 31

**ASSETS**

<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking	1964.77
Prudent Reserve CD	12000.00
Seminar Training Accrual	168.02
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>14132.79</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Inventory	23107.00
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>23107.00</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Credit Card Balance	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>37239.79</b>

**Cash Flow**  
2024  
June

**Inflows**

AAWS Sales	869.55
Faithful Fivers Contributions	5.00
Group Contributions	739.16
Non Conference Sales	1173.50
Other Contributions	12.22
Various Sales	0.00
Various Contributions	0.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>2799.43</b>

**Outflows**

AAWS Literature	618.52
Answering Service	131.50
Bank Charges	0.00
Business Expense	0.00
Conference/Training	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Janitorial	0.00
Managers Vehicle Expense	0.00
Non Conference Literature	313.25
Non Conference Misc (Chip, etc)	190.50
Office Eqpt/Maint	0.00
Phone	143.29
Printing	0.00
Rent	625.00
Sales and Use Tax	0.00
Seminar Accrual	0.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>2022.06</b>

<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>777.37</b>
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**Net Worth**  
As of June 30

**ASSETS**

<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking	3453.86
Prudent Reserve CD	12000.00
Seminar Training Accrual	168.07
<b>TOTAL</b> Cash and Bank Accounts	15621.93
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Inventory	23107.00
<b>TOTAL</b> Other Assets	23107.00

**LIABILITIES**

Credit Card Balance	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	38728.93



**Alcoholics Anonymous** (706) 860-8331  
**12<sup>th</sup> District Central Office** 113 Camilla Avenue –  
**Martinez /Augusta, GA 30907-3406**

**Groups contributions to the 12<sup>th</sup> District Central Office operation:**

<b>Alpha</b>		<b>Hephzibah</b>		<b>No Name</b>	
<b>Back to the Book</b>		<b>Hill</b>		<b>Sober Sunday</b>	20.00
<b>Back to Basics</b>		<b>In-Step</b>		<b>Southside</b>	
<b>Last Call</b>	15.00	<b>Keep It Simple</b>		<b>S. Augusta Noon</b>	
<b>Aiken Women</b>		<b>Martinez</b>		<b>Sunlight of the Spirit</b>	
<b>Early Birds</b>		<b>Downtown Club</b>		<b>The Day After</b>	
<b>Evans</b>	109.00	<b>Midday</b>	140.00	<b>Timekeepers</b>	

<b>First Step</b>		<b>National Hills</b>	3.88	<b>Too Sleepy To Drink</b>	29.72
<b>Forest Hills</b>	254.00	<b>New Beginning</b>		<b>Thomson</b>	14.65
<b>Gratitude</b>	82.03	<b>New Hope</b>		<b>Warrenton</b>	
<b>Happy Hour</b>		<b>New Perceptions</b>	84.48	<b>Washington</b>	20.00
<b>Grovetown Fellow</b>	40.00	<b>No Nipping Nooners</b>	41.66	<b>Waynesboro</b>	
<b>Awesome AAs</b>		<b>N.Augusta Central</b>		<b>KIS Alanon</b>	

Over the past few months. It is important to have participation from all groups no matter the size of the Group or the amount. Remember the Central Office is staffed by VOLUNTEERS. Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9am. Till 5pm for your convenience.

**The Central Office** is one of the few in the nation with full-time staffing. With a wide variety of approved literature. Call 706-860-8331 for details. be of service, one of our Service Committees has experiences just waiting for you Central Office Volunteer Opportunities are Available in the Central Office. Just call the Central Office at 706-860-8331.

## Faithful Fivers

Thank you for your support.

Jim/Billie B.	Tony B.	Denney B.
Cathy C.	Bruce/Kathy D.	David W.
Al K.	Jimmie H.	Katie/Fred I.
David J.	Pat J.	Traylor J.
Kathryn Z.	Gaylord J.	Rosemary M.
Dan W.	Sara R.	Ranscine R.
Lisa S.	Margie S.	Linda S.
Neil T.	Gene/Judy T.	Frank W.
Ellen W.	Gratitude Group	Last Call Group
Joe C.	Lumpkin Fellowship Grp.	Chris T.

“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.

**Faithful Fivers Payment Plan** Make checks payable to

12th **District** Central Office 113 Camilla Ave. Martinez, GA. 30907

I agree to pledge, and here is **my** donation of \$ for a month

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

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ :

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

**Sobriety Date** \_\_\_\_\_ :

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