



SOBER DAZE

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Summer is over, we all struggled through the Heat Dome that lingered for too long. It afforded us a new appreciation of A/C. Some made it and some did not. Grace allows us this privilege, know that our place here is but a short visit. Helping others is the purpose.

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

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios

Read Sober Daze anytime by visiting

http://www.augustaaa.org/sober_daze.ht



"Don't pray to escape trouble. Don't pray to be comfortable in your emotions. Pray to do the will of God in every situation. Nothing else is worth praying for." –

Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Oxford Group Leader.

Archives "Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life - the one that did not work - for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever."

Bill W, AA Co-Founder.

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:

District 12 Archives - 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

Group Meetings Come Celebrate with Us!

Group	Founded	Celebrates	Group	Founded	Celebrates
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 2009	8/25/09		Washington	5/1/1982	Person Picks: 6:00 Eating / 7:00 Meeting
			West Town	4/1/08	
			AA Group		

Group Members Anniversary Dates

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

BEFORE the 2nd week of the last issue of the Quarterly publication available. Sober Daze goes to print on the 15th of the last month to make it Available for the District Meeting. So get the information in before the 15th for the March-June-September-Dec issue

MIDDAY GROUP Birthdays Oct-Nov-Dec			Gratitude Group Birthdays	Grovetown Fellowship Group
Last Initial	First Name	Sobriety Date	Amy C. 07-01-2023	Katie I. 09-05-1995
			Terrisa H. 07-01-2012	Micheal 09-05-2012
Z	Kris	10/4/1984	Julie C. 07-02-1998	Marie G. 11-26-1996
M	Bill	10/9/2013	Allyson S. 07-14-2023	
D	Rob	10/11/2006	Micheal S. 07-17-2019	
M	Ruth	10/31/2001	Riona C. 07-19-2022	
S	Doris	11/17/1991	Michelle B. 08-02-2023	
H	Beverly	12/?/2019	Tom S. 08-08-2014	
W	Sue	12/25/2019	Sylvester H. 08-16-2012	
E	Ameriah	12/31/2023	Paul L. 08-25-1974	
			Debbie D. 09-02-2023	
			Brandi H. 09-10-2023	
Live and Live Group			Dorothy H. 09-20-2023	
David B. 10/01/1978			Sandra H. 09-20-2023	
			Charlie G. 09-24-2023	
			Glen L. 09-24-1987	



My good friends in A.A. and of A.A.,

I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing I did a number of years ago played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us. Thank you very much.

** From Dr. Bob's brief remarks on Sunday, July 30, 1950, at the First International A.A. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert Holbrook Smith Died 16 November 1950*

A.A. International Convention

**scheduled July 03 thru July 06 2025
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**



***Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur***

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. A.A. members and their families and friends from around the globe attend the event. At the International Convention people attend meetings, workshops, dances and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

1st A.A. International Convention

July 1950 Cleveland, 12 Traditions accepted; 96,475 members, 3,527 groups

1st Alcoholic Foundation conference

held New York April 1951; decided rename Alcoholic Foundation to General Service Board; Foundation stood charity, paternalism; proved group conscience should be sole authority

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. and is Open Monday through Friday 9am. Till 5pm. For your convenience.

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

Thank you for your support.

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| 1-Jim/Billie B | 11-Denny B | 21-Linda S |
| 2-Cathy C | 12-Tony B | 22- Ranscine R |
| 3-Al K | 13-Bruce/Kathy B | 23- David W |
| 4-David J | 14-Jimmie H | 24- Rosemary M |
| 5-Kathryn Z | 15-Pat J | 25- Traylor J |
| 6-Dan W | 16-Gaylord J | 26- Frank W |
| 7-Lisa S | 17-Sara R | 27-Chris T |
| 8-Neil T | 18-Marigie S | 28- Last Call Group |
| 9-Ellen W | 19-Gene/Judy T | 29- Gratitude Group |
| 10-Joe C | 20-Fred/Katie I | 30- Lumpkin Fellowship Grp |

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

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

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12th District Financials

August 2024

Reported 9/8/24

PO Box 204044

Martinez, Ga. 30907

Beginning Balance	\$4,711.84
Stmt Balance	\$4,711.84
Deposit	\$194.42
Founders Day Dep.	\$5.00
Balance	\$4,911.26
Coins for Cons Balance	\$2,982.17
Founders Day Balance	\$815.50
12 District Total	\$1,113.59

GROUP	DATE	AMT	CFC	YTD TOTAL
ALPHA				
AUGUSTA EARLY BIRDS	8/16/2024	\$10.00		\$50.00
BACK TO THE BOOK				
EVANS	8/30/2024	\$7.00		\$65.00
FIRST STEP				
FOREST HILLS				\$93.33
GRATITUDE	8/16/2024	\$21.48		\$105.76
HAPPY HOUR				
MARTINEZ				
THOMSON	8/16/2024	\$10.00		\$80.00
FREEDOM				
HARLEM				
HILL				\$208.25
JUST FOR TODAY				
NEW BEGINNINGS				
WASHIINGTON				
KEEP IT SIMPLE				
DOWNTOWN CLUB				
MORNING AFTER				
NATIONAL HILLS	8/16/2024	\$4.75		\$19.69
NEW PERCEPTIONS	8/16/2024	\$10.00		\$338.52
NO NIPPING NOONERS	8/16/2024	\$8.00		\$25.07
LEAH GROUP				
LAST CALL				
TOO SLEEPY TO DRINK	8/16/2024	\$10.39		\$130.49
BAKER AVE				
MIDDAY	8/16/2024	\$20.00		\$95.00
HEPZIBAH				
IN STEP				\$25.00
LUMPKIN RD				
NEW HOPE				
LIVE & LET LIVE	8/16/2024	\$20.00		\$20.00
GROVETOWN FELLOWSH	8/16/2024	\$40.00		\$200.00
WINTER WORKSHOP				
12 TH DISTRICT MTG	8/16/2024	\$32.00		\$219.00
CLUSTER FORUM				
TOTAL		\$194.42		\$1,675.11

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