

District 48

Monthly Newsletter

October 2016



Upcoming Events

Registration Forms & Flyers @
www.district48aa.org

October

District 48 Workshop
22nd Annual Alkathon

(November)

59th GSR Convention
(E.P.G.S.A. – Gettysburg)

Bus Trip to GSO

(December)

Muncy Candlelight

Welcome to the District 48 October Newsletter !

Hard copies of the D48 newsletter will be made available to all GSRs at the monthly district meeting for distribution to your individual meetings. The newsletter is also posted on the district website, district48aa.org, where it can be viewed or printed out to share.

In order for this newsletter to become a viable and relevant communication vehicle that shares positive news of Recovery among us – **you need to be an active participant**. Spread the news of what's working in your meeting, home group and life.

On Tradition Ten

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Editorial by Bill W.

A.A. Grapevine, September 1948

No A.A. Group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues -- particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous Groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

Important

Announcements

- Is your meeting in need of fresh faces or dwindling in attendance?
- Are you celebrating an anniversary next month and would like to share the news?
- Is there a special event your group is working on & you want to spread the word?

***If you answered yes to any of the above or think you have a news item for consideration for upcoming issues, please submit the information to:
newsletter@district48aa.org

Submission deadline is the 28th of each month prior to publication.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy -- serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not long since died in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

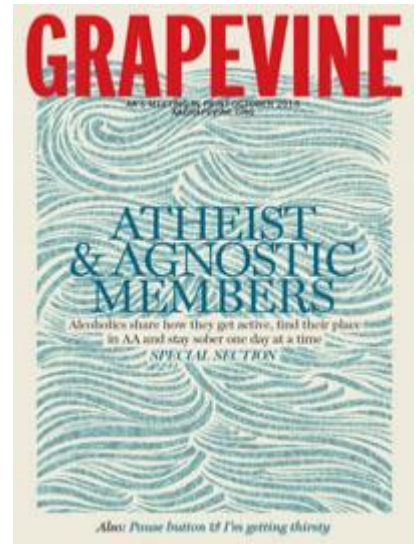
Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that A.A. must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably. May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Bill W.

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In the Community... Meetings in Need of Support:

Jersey Shore Step Meeting

Thursdays/7:00 PM

Trinity UMC

1407 Allegheny Street

Fantastic Meeting

Wednesdays/10:00 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

100 Walnut St./Montoursville

Boomerang

Wed. & Thurs./1:15 PM

New Covenant Church of Christ

202 E. Third St./W'port

(Academy St. Entrance)

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866-671-6130

24 Hours/Day – 7 Days/Week