

District 48

Monthly Newsletter

November 2016



Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 11 – SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT WITH GOD AS *WE UNDERSTOOD HIM*, PRAYING ONLY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR US AND THE POWER TO CARRY THAT OUT.

11th Tradition – OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY IS BASED ON ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION; WE NEED ALWAYS MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY AT THE LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO, AND FILMS.

Welcome to the District 48 November 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DID YOU KNOW:

- The first A.A. meeting in Pennsylvania was held in **Philadelphia** on March 6th, 1940.
- 17 people attended and a "Princely Sum" of \$17.50 was collected. *(Thought: Are we helping carry the message and gift that was so freely given to us, with our meeting contributions ?)*
- In **Pittsburgh, PA** the first A.A. meeting was held at the Henry Hotel on December 13th, 1940.

Upcoming Events

Registration Forms & Flyers @
www.district48aa.org

November

District 48 Workshop
Bus Trip to GSO

(December)

Muncy Candlelight

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.

- Bill Wilson's father-in-law, *Dr. Clark Burnham*, was born in **Lancaster, PA**.
- Bill and Lois traveled by motorcycle from 1925-1927 from Vermont to Florida and up to Canada. In her 09/26/1925 diary entry, Lois wrote *"Egypt, PA Delaware Water Gap was a great disappointment. Hot dog stands spoiled every site so we had to camp way down in the Valley."* They camped in vegetable fields north of **Allentown** as well, so Bill could investigate a cement company in nearby **Cementon**.
- The first **African American Delegate** to the Annual Convention, **Lou R.**, was elected in Area 59 in 1969.
- The founder of the ***First Century Christian Fellowship***, which was later known as the ***Oxford Group***, **Frank Buchman**, was born in **Pennsburg, PA**.
- Ohio has Founders Day and Dr. Bob's house, New York has GSO and Stepping Stones, Vermont has the Wilson House and Bill and Lois' graves ***BUT we in Pennsylvania have the Oxford Group*** - No sober Rowland Hazzard, no sober Ebby, no sober Ebby, no sober Bill, no sober Bill, no sober Dr. Bob, no sober Bill and Dr. Bob = NO Alcoholics Anonymous.
- **Jim B., from Philadelphia**, was responsible for the phrase ***"God as I understand him"***.
- **Pennsylvania** was the home of ***"The Saturday Evening Post"***, a popular magazine that introduced the A.A. program nationally by printing a story by Jack Alexander, "Alcoholics Anonymous" on March 1st 1941.

Source - 2016 PA State Convention



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www.aagrapevine.org/

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

Young People in Recovery

Sunday, 3:00PM

Alternative Bikers Club

2003 W. 4th St., Wmspt.

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District 48 Hotline:

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24 Hours/Day – 7 Days/Week