

# District 48

Monthly Newsletter



April 2017

## Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous

### OUR THREE LEGACIES

#### **STEP FOUR (Recovery)**

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”

#### **TRADITION FOUR (Unity)**

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

#### **CONCEPT FOUR (Service)**

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge

### Welcome to the District 48 April Newsletter

Hard copies of the D48 newsletter are 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](http://district48aa.org), where it can be viewed or printed to share. Spread the news of what’s working in your meeting, home group and life. Email [newsletter@district48aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district48aa.org) (deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> of each month)

### **We Need Updated Home Group Lists with Anniversary Dates**



**Stepping Stones** is the historic home of Bill and Lois Wilson, who lived there for the last half of their lives. Located in the village of Katonah, NY, Stepping Stones was designated a national historic landmark in 2012 and offers tours of the beautiful landmark with historic archives that include over 10,000 objects, photos, written materials, etc. It is located approximately 3.5 hours from Williamsport. You can take a virtual tour at [www.steppingstones.org](http://www.steppingstones.org) A group of District 48 AAs are seated at the table where Ebby T. 12-stepped Bill

### **MEETING IN NEED OF SUPPORT**

**Rewards of Sobriety**

**Saturday, 7:00 PM**

**Penn College**

**Bush Campus Center, Rm. 164**

**1 College Ave.**

**Williamsport**

**Codes = O, T, W, CP**

### Calendar of Events

*Registration Forms & Flyers @*  
[www.district48aa.org](http://www.district48aa.org)

**May 6**

**District 59 Unity Picnic**

Bloomsburg Town Park

Pavilion 4.

East Fort McClure Blvd and

Market St,

Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Picnic from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Speaker at 2:30 - No Fees.

**June 16-18**

**Big Book Weekend**

**August 4, 5 & 6th**

**Pennsylvania State Convention**

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### **ANNIVERSARIES**

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary A. – 2 years
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John O. – 15 years
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul B. – 31 years
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Otis A. – 31 years
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff F. – 23 years
	Alexa H. – 5 years
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Beth H. – 3 years

### Belated Anniversaries:

Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa G – 3 years
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Deb C. – 20 years
	Brian – 5 years
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha S. – 2 years

**We All Have Today!**

Would you like your anniversary listed in the newsletter?

email [newsletter@district48aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district48aa.org)

### **Newcomers Get Involved!**

Getting and staying sober takes a lot of time and effort! Why not help another alcoholic as you maintain your own sobriety?

- Make coffee for a meeting
- Give someone a ride
- Introduce yourself to a newcomer
- Put away chairs
- Attend District 48 meeting
- Share your experience
- Join a Home Group
- Make an AA phone call
- Answer an AA phone call
- Get a sponsor, and **most importantly...**
- **Work the steps** so you can carry this



## **This Month in AA History**

### **April 1**

1939 – “Alcoholics Anonymous”, AA’s Big Book was published.

1966 – Sister Ignatia died at the age of 77. She worked with Dr. Bob in treating many early AA members at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron.

1984 – 12 Coconuts Group, Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, Hawaii, was founded.

### **April 3**

1941 – First Florida AA meeting was held.

### **April 4**

1960 – The Chicago Daily News reported that Fr. Ed D., a Jesuit priest who helped start the first AA group in St. Louis, had died at age 62.

### **April 7**

1941 – Ruth Hock, Bill W.’s secretary, reported there were 1,500 letters asking for help, as a result of the Saturday Evening Post Article by Jack Alexander.

### **April 11**

1939 – Marty M. attended her first meeting at the home of Bill and Lois W. in Brooklyn.

1941 – Bill and Lois W. moved into their new home, Stepping Stones.

### **April 12**

1942 – The Windsor Daily Star in Ontario, Canada, reported that over 400 AA’s attended a testimonial dinner for Dr. Bob.

### **April 16**

1940 – A sober Rollie H. caught the only opening day no-hitter in baseball history since 1909.

1973 – Dr. Jack Norris, non-alcoholic Chairman of the AA General Service Board, presented President Richard Nixon with the one-millionth copy of the Big Book at the White House.

### **April 17**

1941 – 2nd group in Los Angeles, the “Hole in the Ground Group” was formed.

### **April 22**

1940 Bill W. transferred his Works Publishing Stock to the Alcoholic Foundation. The date on which Hank P. transferred his stock is uncertain.

### **April 23**

1940 – Dr. Bob wrote the Trustees to refuse Big Book royalties, but Bill W. insisted on them for Dr. Bob and Anne.

### **April 25**

1951 – AA’s first General Service Conference was held.

### **April 26**

1939 – Bill & Lois W. moved in with Hank P. after the bank foreclosed on 182 Clinton St. This was the first of over 50 moves before they acquired Stepping Stones.

### **April 30**

1989 – The film “My Name is Bill W.,” a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, was broadcast.

### **Other April events for which we have no specific dates:**

1940 – The first AA pamphlet was published, entitled simply “AA.”

1958 – The word “honest” was dropped from “an honest desire to stop drinking,” in the AA Preamble.

1960 – Bill W. refused to be on the cover of Time Magazine.

# DISTRICT 48 CONTACTS

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## MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION:

**FOURTH DIMENSION**

**WEDNESDAY 10 A.M.**

**SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**409 Main Street, South Williamsport, PA**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Step Prayer

God, Creative Intelligence,  
 Universal Mind, Spirit of  
 Nature or Spirit of the  
 Universe my name is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and I need  
 your help today.