

# District 48

Monthly Newsletter



June 2017

## Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous

**STEP SIX (Recovery)** “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

**TRADITION SIX (Unity)** – “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

**CONCEPT SIX (Service)** – “The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the Trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.”

### Welcome to the District 48 June 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](http://district48aa.org), where it can be viewed or printed 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. Email [newsletter@district48aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district48aa.org)

### MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

12+12=24

Tuesday 6PM-Alternative Club  
2018 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Williamsport

Jersey Shore Step Mtg.  
Thursday

7:00 PM - Trinity UMC  
1407 Allegheny St.  
Jersey Shore

Rewards of Sobriety  
\*especially old-timers\*

Saturday, 7:00 PM  
Penn College  
Bush Campus Center, Rm. 164  
1 College Ave

### Calendar of Events

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

August 4, 5 & 6th  
Pennsylvania State Convention

September 9<sup>th</sup>  
District Picnic

**HOPE**  
HOLD ON, PAIN ENDS.

## This Month in AA History

**June 5, 1939** - New York Times favorably reviewed the Big Book

**June 10, 1935** – Founder’s Day June 10, 1935 - Dr. Bob has last drink (some say it may have been on June 17 based on date of medical convention he attended).

**June 21, 1944** - The A.A. Grapevine established.

**June 28, 1935** - Bill and Dr. Bob visit Bill D, first "Man on the Bed." He becomes AA#3.

**June 30, 1941** - Jack C & Ruth Hock brought the 'Serenity Prayer' to Bill's attention

**ANNIVERSARIES**      June 10<sup>th</sup> – Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday A.A.!

June 3<sup>rd</sup>      Coleen S – 2 years

June 5<sup>th</sup>      Gail R – 26 years

June 6<sup>th</sup>      Daryl W – 27 years

June 10<sup>th</sup>      Inez – 5 years

June 16<sup>th</sup>      Charlie P – 34 years

June 26<sup>th</sup>      Steve M – 2 years

If you'd like your anniversary listed in the newsletter, please email [newsletter@district48aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district48aa.org) GSR's please submit current Home Group lists.



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[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

**PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL (excerpts)**

The following excerpts from a Grapevine article by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W. represent principles which have been reaffirmed by the members of the A.A. General Service Conferences of 1969, 1970 and 1972.

- *“The problem of drug addiction in its several forms lies close to us all. It stirs our deepest interest and sympathy. Many A.A.’s, especially those who have suffered these particular addictions, are now asking, ‘What can we do about drugs — within our Fellowship, and without?’*
- **“Specifically, here is a list of questions we are often asked:**
  - 1 “Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an A.A. member? **No.**
  - 2 “Can such a person be brought, as a visitor, to an open A.A. meeting for help and inspiration? **Yes.**
  - 3 “If so, should these nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe that they have become A.A. members? **No.**
  - 4 “Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of A.A.? **Yes.**
- *“Now there are certain things that A.A. cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our desires or sympathies may be. Our first duty, as a fellowship, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity*
- *“Sobriety — freedom from alcohol — through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make non-alcoholics into A.A. members. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don’t stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.*
- *“I see no way of making nonalcoholic addicts into A.A. members. Experience says loudly that we can admit no exceptions, even though drug users and alcoholics happen to be first cousins of a sort. If we persist in trying this, I’m afraid it will be hard on the drug user himself, as well as on A.A. We must accept the fact that no nonalcoholic, whatever his affliction, can be converted into an alcoholic . . . and an A.A. member.*
- *“We cannot give A.A. membership to nonalcoholic addicts. But, like anyone else, they should be able to attend open A.A. meetings, provided, of course, that the groups themselves are willing.”*

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