

District 48

Monthly Newsletter

July 2017



Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP SEVEN (Recovery) – “Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.”

TRADITION SEVEN (Unity) – “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

CONCEPT SEVEN (Service) – “The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.”

Welcome to the District 48 July 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 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

This Month in AA History

- July 2, 1965** Best of Bill and pocket-sized 12 & 12 first sold
- July 3-5, 1970** 10,900 attend 35th Anniversary of A.A. in Miami
Bill W. gives his last talk to A.A.
- July 22, 1877** William Duncan Silkworth born in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- July 23, 1943** Esther C.’s sobriety date; she died sober Jan. 15, 2005
- July 31, 1972** Rollie H., former baseball player, dies sober
in Washington D.C.

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

12+12=24

Tuesday 6PM-Alternative Club
2018 W. 4th Street
Williamsport

Jersey Shore Step Mtg.
Thursday

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

Rewards of Sobriety

OLD-TIMERS NEEDED

Saturday, 7:00 PM

Penn College

Bush Campus Center, Rm. 164
1 College Ave

Calendar of Events

Registration Forms & Flyers @
www.district48aa.org

July 14-16th

11th Annual Big Book Campout
Hickory Run State Park -Camp Daddy Allen

August 4, 5 & 6th

Pennsylvania State Convention

September 9th

District Picnic

November 3-5, 2017

Eastern PA General Service Convention and
Assembly
“Not just for GSRs”
Gettysburg, PA



**Pray
Until
Something
Happens**

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ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 st	Mark V. – 9 years
July 7 th	Steve – 24 years
July 10 th	Barry E. – 41 years
	Al B. – 5 years
July 13 th	Liz B. – 14 years
	Gail B. – 6 years
July 16 th	Michael H. – 1 year

We all have today!



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

SHORTCOMINGS VS DEFECTS OF CHARACTER

We are often asked "What is the difference between 'defects of character' in Step Six and 'shortcomings' in Step Seven?"

According to G.S.O.'s archives Bill W. commented about his use of "Defects of Character" and "Shortcomings" interchangeably in the Steps in a personal letter he wrote dated March 7, 1963.

Thanks for your inquiry, requesting to know the difference between 'defects of character' and 'shortcomings' — as those words appear in the Steps. Actually, I don't remember any particular significance in these phrases. In my mind, the meaning is identical; I guess I just used two ways of expression, rather than to repeat myself. It's just as simple as that.

In another letter, dated November 16, 1965, Bill again responded to a similar inquiry. His letter read, in part:

When these Steps were being done, I didn't want to repeat the phrase 'character defects' twice in succession. Therefore, in Step Seven, I substituted 'shortcomings', thereby equating 'shortcomings' with 'defects.'

When reading most people do equate that way and there seems to be no difficulty. I used them as though they both meant exactly the same thing — which they appear to many people.

I guess it's a problem in semantics, all right. For example, it is possible to say that each time you fall short of an ideal, to that extent is your character defective. Looking at it in the other way, 'shortcomings' can be read as a mere failure to do what should have been done. So, I guess you have to take your pick.

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