



# District 48

## Monthly Newsletter

August 2019

### Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous **OUR THREE LEGACIES**

**Step 8**– “Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.”

**Tradition 8** – “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers. “

**Concept 8** – “The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities”

### Welcome to the 2019 District 48 Newsletter!

Where can you find the newsletter?

- [district48aa.org](http://district48aa.org) - Newsletter
- Ask your home group General Service Representative (GSR)
- Many homegroups keep a copy of the newsletter – just ask!

**How can you contribute?** Celebrating your anniversary? Is your homegroup having an event? Is there an upcoming AA workshop or event you want to share? Have a story, photo or something inspirational? Simply email [newsletter@district48aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district48aa.org)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Ann C. (26 years)

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Gail B. (8 years)

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Liz B. (16 years)

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Marilyn W. (21 years)

### **WE ALL HAVE TODAY**

**Would you like your anniversary listed in the newsletter?**

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### MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

#### Rewards of Sobriety

Saturday, 7PM – Penn College  
\*Especially Need Old-Timers\*  
Bush Campus Center, Rm. 164  
1 College Ave, Williamsport

#### Veterans & Friends in Recovery

Tuesday, 7PM – Lutheran Church of  
the Redeemer, 1101 Washington  
Blvd.

#### Promises of Sobriety

Monday, 7PM – Trinity Episcopal  
Church, 844 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Group

Monday, 6:30PM – Liberty Church,  
102 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

### 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### *District 48 Annual AA Picnic*

August 31, 2019 at 1PM  
South Side Park Complex, Pavilion 3  
Guest Speaker: Kerri M.

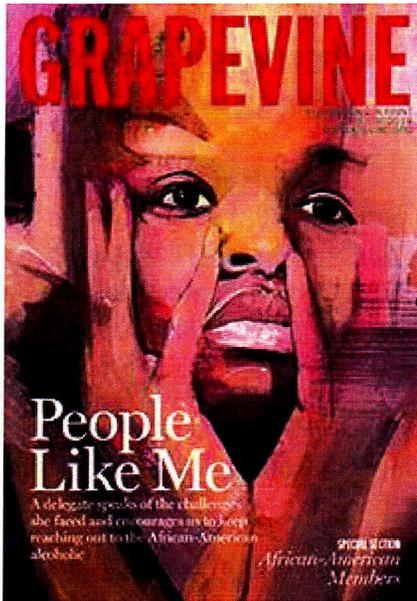
Registration Forms & Flyers @

[www.district48aa.org](http://www.district48aa.org)

### COMMITTEES IN NEED OF HELP

Men’s Correctional Facilities  
Women’s Treatment & Accessibility

**Alcoholics  
Anonymous** Visit us at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)



The August edition of Grapevine is on African-American Alcoholics in AA featuring stories of challenge and hope by African-American AA members.

**Sunlight of the Spirit**  
 The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Conference was held on August 2-4, 2019. It was an amazing conference with some terrific speakers.

Next year's Conference will be held August 21-23, 2020. The price is reasonable and it is a wonderful opportunity to recharge your spiritual life.

The origin of the name of the conference came from the Big Book page 66: "But with the alcoholic, whose hope is a spiritual experience, this business of resentment is infinitely grave. We found that it is fatal. For harboring such feelings we shut ourselves off from the Sunlight of the Spirit. The insanity of alcohol returns and we drink again. And with us, to drink is to die."

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

**2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous  
 July 2-5, 2020 Detroit, Michigan**

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85<sup>th</sup> year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium.

As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and Detroit, our host city, will be provided.

Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all GSR's, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 9, 2019 on aa.org.

Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140 (USD) per attendee.

- TRADITIONS CHECKLIST**
- Tradition Eight: AA should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- ✓ Is my own behavior accurately described in the traditions? If not, what needs changing?
  - ✓ When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
  - ✓ Do I sometimes try to get some reward-even if not money-for my personal AA efforts?
  - ✓ Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recover? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
  - ✓ In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?

**New Book: Our Great Responsibility:** The first original title released by Alcoholics Anonymous since Daily Reflections, the book *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W's General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970* is now available for order in English, French and Spanish. Publication of this important volume culminates years of research and transcription of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference. Complementing the text are more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives – some never before published. Timeless and timely, these 16 talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words. For more information, visit the A.A.W.S. Online Bookstore or call (212) 870-3312.