



# District 48

## Monthly Newsletter

December 2019

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

**Step 12**– “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs”

**Tradition 12** – “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

**Concept 12** – “The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of gov’t; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.”

### 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:**

Amy – 10/30 (3 years)  
Nicole – 11/11 (10 years)  
Steve – 11/11 (10 years)

#### **WE ALL HAVE TODAY**

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

**Email:**

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

### 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

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

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

#### **Veterans & Friends in Recovery**

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

#### **Promises of Sobriety**

Monday – 7PM  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
844 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street

### **2019 UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Meeting**

December 18, 2019 @ First United  
Methodist Church, 602 S. Market  
St., Muncy; 6 pm – 8:30 pm  
Guest Speaker – Marilyn P.

Bring a dish to share

#### **New Year’s Masquerade Ball**

December 31, 2019 @ Muncy  
Baptist Church, 11 W. Penn St.,  
Muncy - \$10.00 7 pm – 12 am

Bring a dish to share

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This month's Special Section features stories on AA's Remote Communities and how members stay sober during the holidays.

#### **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.

#### **PENNSCYPAA December Without A Drink**

Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 6-11 pm  
New Covenant Church of Christ, 202 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Academy St. door

- Karaoke, speaker, snacks, 50/50, raffles, ugliest winter holiday outfit contest

#### **AA JOKE**

Two AA's are talking about what is going to happen to them after they die. One believes in heaven, the other isn't so sure so they agree a pact. The first one to die will come back as a ghost on the anniversary of their death and appear in front of the surviving one to prove whether or not there is an afterlife.

A few years pass and the first AA dies sober. A year later the surviving AA is sitting in a meeting and he feels a coldness in the air, looks around and sat next to him is the ghost of his old pal. He's holding a harp, wearing a gold halo and has a couple of white feathered wings on his back.

The ghost turns to his pal and says "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is there is a heaven. Bill and Bob are up there and they have AA meetings every week, you'll love it. The bad news is you're sharing next Tuesday"

#### **TRADITIONS CHECKLIST**

**Tradition Twelve:** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

- Why is a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
- Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?
- Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
- Do I complaint about certain AA's behavior-especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
- Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?