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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

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Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk

My Good Friends in AA and of AA . . .

I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing I did a number of years ago played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon an injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months, and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be brief.

There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us. Thank you very much.

At AA's First International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, July 30, 1950

The founding of Alcoholics Anonymous is taken from the date of Dr. Bob's last drink, June 10, 1935, 80 years ago this month. See also, *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, pp. 74-75, and 337-338. (According to some sources, it is possible the correct date was actually somewhat later in June 1935.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are Intergroup events held at 361 Hempstead Turnpike unless otherwise noted.

JUNE 2015

- 6/3— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 6/4— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 6/7— Nassau General Service Unity Breakfast, Uniondale Marriott Hotel (Email, office@aaseny.org for details.)
- 6/8— LISTS Planning Meeting, 7PM, Garden City Comm. Church, 245 Stewart Ave. (at Whitehall St.), Garden City 11530
- 6/10— **AA's 80th Anniversary**
- 6/15— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Meeting Orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 6/17— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 6/18— **Newsletter deadline** for July
- 6/20— **Exchange Meeting**, 7-9AM, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Dr. (Stewart Ave. to Lifetime Brands Blvd.), Cluster F, Room 127, Garden City 11530 (Park in East 2.)
- 6/25— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

JULY 2015

- 7/1— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 6/3 above for location.)
- 7/2— **Reps Meeting rescheduled to 7/9**
- 7/2-5— 14th International Convention, "80 Years Happy, Joyous and Free," Atlanta, Georgia
- 7/6— LISTS Planning Meeting, 7PM
- 7/9— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 7/9— **Meeting List deadline** for submitting changes for the next print edition
- 7/15— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 7/19— **Picnic**, 8AM-4PM, Eisenhower Park, The Cedars, Parking 6A

AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR JUNE

Step 6— Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition 6— 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 6— 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.

From the Editor— Timing Is Everything

Please be mindful of the deadline for getting an item into the newsletter, usually the second to the last Thursday each month. Respecting the deadline allows your editor the time needed to get the newsletter in good order for its monthly publication. Hard copy is available at the monthly Reps meeting, usually the first Thursday each month. An electronic edition is often available perhaps as much as a week sooner.



If you have a time sensitive item, watch the publication schedule so your piece will get into the hands of local members in a timely manner. Allow too that while an electronic copy goes out early each month, the hard copy takes time to work its way into members' hands after the Reps meeting. So for instance, if you have an announcement for an AA event early in a month, you probably want to see it included in the prior month's newsletter.

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Hope this is helpful.

In service,
Bill C., Newsletter Editor
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Who Am I?

Admitted to Akron City Hospital with the DTs, there I met Bill W. and Dr. Bob who offered me the "cure" for my alcoholism. I became the first recruit to what would become Alcoholics Anonymous. I am, "The Man on the Bed." My story appears in the "Big Book" from the second edition on in the "Pioneers" section.

(Answer on page 4.)



"Are we ready now to let God remove from us all things which we have admitted are objectionable?"

—From, Step 6, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p.76.

AA HISTORY FOR JUNE

June 10, 1935— Dr. Bob's last drink. AA is founded.

June 28, 1935— Bill W. and Dr. Bob meet Bill D., AA number three.

June 1941— Ruth Hock, AA's first paid secretary, introduces Bill W. to the "Serenity Prayer."

June 21, 1944— The *AA Grapevine* is published for the first time.

June 1947— The "AA Preamble" appears for the first time in the *AA Grapevine*.

June 1953— *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* is published.

June 1996— First issue of *La Viña* is published by the *AA Grapevine*.

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AA Grapevine Highlights for June

June Issue— Annual prison issue.

New Books— *Grapevine Daily Quote Book* (GV32). *The Language of the Heart* audiobook now available.

Subscription Challenge 2015— Join the challenge to increase new subscriptions to the *Grapevine* and *La Viña*.

Sobriety Calculator— It's fun to count your years, days, hours or minutes in recovery.

Call for Stories— 2015 topics include AA Around the World, Prison Issue, Sober Travel, Technology, and Anonymity.

The Laugh's On Us— Submit a caption for a *Grapevine* cartoon.

Daily Quote Subscription— Sign up to receive an inspirational daily quote from the *Grapevine* via email.

Go on-line to www.aagrapevine.org for more info.



“An AA group may cooperate with anyone, but should bind itself to no one.”

—From, “Tradition 6,” *AA Grapevine*, April 1946, in, *The Language of the Heart*, p. 22.

FAQs About AA History from AAWS *

Q. — What is the story behind the Circle and Triangle logo?



A. — The Circle and Triangle symbol has long been connected to the AA Fellowship. It was adopted as an official AA symbol at the International Convention in St. Louis in 1955, and from that point on was widely used in the Fellowship. For the Fellowship, the three legs of the triangle represented the Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service, and the circle symbolized the world of AA. In *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* (p. 139), Bill W.’s 1955 speech, in which he describes the adoption of the symbol, is printed:

Above us floats a banner on which is inscribed the new symbol for AA, a circle enclosing a triangle. The circle stands for the whole world of AA, and the triangle stands for AA’s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Within our wonderful new world, we have found freedom from our fatal obsession. That we have chose this particular symbol is perhaps no accident. The priests and seers of antiquity regarded the circle enclosing the triangle as a means of warding off the spirits of evil, and AA’s circle and triangle of Recovery, Unity, and Service has certainly meant all of that to us and much more.

Nevertheless, in the early 1990s, AAWS decided to phase out the use of the Circle and Triangle symbol on its literature, letterhead and other material. It was decided to phase out the “official” or “legal” use of the Circle and Triangle symbol, and in 1994 the General Service Conference resolved that the logo be discontinued on all Conference-approved literature. However, the symbol is still associated with Alcoholics Anonymous (and other kinds of 12-Step recovery fellowships) and has a special meaning for AA members all over the world.

* From, www.aa.org > Archives & History > History and Resources > FAQs.

“Next to the Conference, AA’s Board of Trustees should be the most influential group of world servants that we have”

—From, “Concept 6,” *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 24.

*In Memory of
Gino D.
May 2015
Gift of Serenity Group, Franklin Square
New Hyde Park Group*

Night Book

Much of what your trusted servants at Intergroup do provides further service opportunities for AAs here in Nassau County. The task at hand of helping other alcoholics comes full circle when YOU participate.

It’s with gratitude I thank the home groups that provided coverage for the Night Book during the month of May: Friday Night Live Group, New Beginnings Group, Port Washington Group, Searington Albertson Group and the Solution Group, Williston Park. Also thank you to our emergency list volunteers who stepped up: Christopher H., Steve S., and Frank Z.

Why not consider writing about your experiences with the Night Book. E-mail your article to news@nassauny-aa.org, or bring or mail it to the office.

Gratitude in action,
LaRaine A., Chair
chair@nassauny-aa.org

Announcements

**PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP OF LYNBROOK
PRESENTS**

RESPECT AND SAFETY IN AA

Saturday, June 6, 1-3PM

**Lynbrook Baptist Church
225 Earle Avenue, Lynbrook 11563**

**NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE**

UNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 7, 9AM

Uniondale Marriott Hotel

BALDWIN GROUP

70TH ANNIVERSARY

**Saturday, June 20
6:30-11PM**

**First Presbyterian Church
717 St. Luke’s Place, Baldwin 11510**

**The Big Meeting
Intergroup Association of AA of NY
New York Hilton Hotel
Sunday, June 28, 1-3PM**

bigmeetinginfo@nyintergroup.org 212-647-1680

Meeting List Changes



Please help NI keep its meeting information current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes" form (available through the office or on-line under "Group Services") whenever your group's meeting details change.

**BEGINNERS = B BIG BOOK = BB CLOSED = C
CLOSED DISCUSSION = CD OPEN = O
OPEN DISCUSSION = OD STEP = S TRADITION = T
NON-ALCOHOLICS ARE WELCOME AT "OPEN" MEETINGS.**

NEW GROUPS

—Amityville 11701

Three Legacies Group, Dominican Village, 565 Albany Ave.; Tues. 7PM OD; WC accessible.

—Bellmore 11710

We Change Together Group, Pride for Youth Center, 2050 Bellmore Ave., 2nd floor; Tues. 7PM OD; Transgender friendly.

—Cedarhurst 11516

Saturday Morning Literature Group, 23 Grove St., Suite 200; Sat. 7:15AM C Men's.

—Farmingdale 11735

A Way Out Group, Crossroads Church, 610 Carmans Rd.; Wed. 1PM C Women's BB Study.

—Hempstead 11550

We Ask God Group, Salvation Army, 65 Atlantic Ave.; Tues. 7:30PM BB.

—Hicksville 11801

Fourth Dimension Group, Holy Family Church, 17 Fordham Ave.; Mon. 7PM B, 8:30PM CD, Tues. 7PM BB.

—Point Lookout 11569

Point Lookout Group, Point Lookout Community Church, 60 Freeport Ave.; Thur. 7PM As Bill Sees It, Thur. 8:30PM 11th Step Meditation.

—Port Washington 11050

Sound Serenity Group, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 9 Carlton Ave.; Sun. 7PM B & S (O anniversary last Sun.), Tues. 5:30PM OD, Wed. 7:30PM OD, Fri. 7:30PM BB & CD. (Formerly the Mackey Avenue Group and the Stools and Bottles Group.)

—Woodmere 11598

Arcade Legends Group, 936 Broadway; Tues. and Thurs. 6:30AM C Men's.

CHANGES

—Baldwin 11510

New Look on Life Group (formerly **Baldwin New Outlook Group**), First Church Baldwin, 881 Merrick Rd.; no changes to meetings.

—Bellmore

There Is A Light Group, Bellmore Presbyterian Church, 2740 Martin Ave.; Sun. 6:30PM S and Wed. 7:30PM B only.

—Farmingdale 11735

I Am Responsible Group, Crossroads Church, 610 Carmans Rd.; Tues. 7:30PM BB now 7:00PM.

—Hicksville

Levittown Group, Parkway Comm. Church, 95 Stewart Ave.; no Mon. 8:15PM meeting. First Mon. 7PM CD is B. Thurs. 7:30PM O.

—Massapequa 11758

Into Action Group, Grace Episcopal Church, 23 Cedar Shore Dr.; Sat. 3PM O BB. (Incorrectly listed as Fri. 3PM BB and OD.)

—Port Washington 11050

Port Washington Group, United Methodist Church, 1515 Middle Neck Rd.; Tues. 8:45PM OD now CD.

—Rockville Centre 11570

The Men's Group, 30 Hempstead Ave., Basement Office Building, Suite H6; Fri. 8PM CD now Open Ended Topic.

—Roslyn 11576

Roslyn Group, Roslyn Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Broadway (formerly Roslyn Community Center); Thurs. 8PM CD only.

—Seaford 11783

Time Group, St. James School, 80 Hicksville Rd.; 4PM Sun. S now 7PM. No other changes.

—Syosset 11791

Berry Hill Discussion Group (formerly at Saint Bede's Episcopal Church), moved to Shelter Rock Church, 178 Cold Spring Rd.; all Fri. meetings are now held on Thur., same times; no changes to Sun. or Tues. meetings.

—Westbury (New Cassel)

We Care Too Group, United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Ave.; Sat. 1PM B.

CLOSED GROUPS

—Island Park 11558

Primary Purpose Group, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 301 Long Beach Road.

—North Bellmore 11710

Miracles Group, 906 Newbridge Road.

—Port Washington 11050

Mackey Avenue Group and **Stools and Bottles Group**, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 9 Carlton Ave. See, Sound Serenity Group under "New Groups," Port Washington.

TEMPORARY CHANGES

—Cambria Heights 11411

Give It A Try Group (formerly at the Presbyterian Church, Elmont), meeting at Cambria Heights Community Church, 116-02 220th St. (Basement). No changes to meetings.

—Elmont 11003

Give It A Try Group, moved to Cambria Heights. See above.

—Roosevelt 11575

Sunday Sunrise Group, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Pl./Whitehouse Ave.; 8:30AM CD. (Formerly meeting at the Reach Center.)

Women Caring for Women Group, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Pl./Whitehouse Ave.; 1PM Women's Meeting. (Formerly meeting at the Reach Center.)

Answer to Who Am I?

Bill D. (1892-1954) was a prominent Akron attorney, member of the City Council and active in his church, but had been admitted to Akron City Hospital for his alcoholism eight times in the prior six months by June 1935. Again hospitalized on June 26, 1935 suffering with DTs, Bill D. was the first individual approached by Bill W. and Dr. Bob with what they at the time were calling the "cure" for alcoholism. Bill D. is famously portrayed in the image "The Man on the Bed" with Bill W. and Dr. Bob in attendance, an encounter described in general in "A Vision for You," *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 156-158. His story, "Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three" appears in the Second through Fourth Editions of the "Big Book." While initially opposed to both the "Traditions" and a General Service Conference, Bill D. served as the first delegate from Ohio to the first Conference in 1951. (See, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 182-192; *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, pp. 82-85, and 325-326; and *Pass It On*, pp. 153-154.)



Announcements (Continued)



**14th International Convention
"80 Years—Happy, Joyous and Free"
July 2-5, 2015
Atlanta, Georgia
www.aa.org**

Nassau County General Service Hosts



Long Island Spirituality Through Service (LISTS)

**Saturday, August 1
9:30AM-3:30PM**

**Garden City Community Church
245 Stewart Avenue
(at Whitehall Street)**

New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) Hosted by SENY

Carrying the AA message through PI, CPC, Corrections and other service committees.

August 14-16, 2015

**Storm King School
314 Mountain Road
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520**

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