

MAY 2020

DISTRICT 35

AA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AREA 78 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

MAY 22ND & 23RD

The area committee meeting is composed of District Committee Members, Committee Chairs, and Table Officers. Any AA member is welcome to attend as a visitor. Area 78 Committee Meetings are closed to non-members. Please respect anonymity.

3 Online Sessions:

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Friday Evening

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM All Day Meetings

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA Speaker Meeting (Paul A.)

Agendas will be sent out to Group Service Representatives



GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE
THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE;
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE
THINGS I CAN; AND WISDOM
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

This Months Step & Tradition:

Step 5:

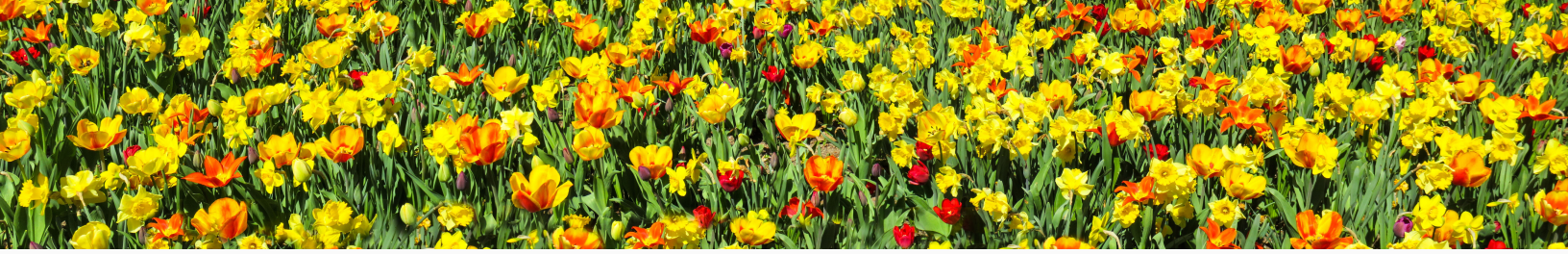
Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5:

Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Grapevine Issues Now Available For Free

To help members during this time, AA Grapevine is giving everyone free access to most of the 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (www.aagrapevine.org)



Rule #62: Don't Take Yourself Too Seriously

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He saw a person on the ground and yelled down to him, "Can you help me? I don't know where I am." The man replied, "Sure, I'll help you. You are in a hot air balloon hovering 30 feet above the ground...between 40 and 41 degrees North latitude and between 59 & 60 degrees West longitude."

"Wow, you must be an AA sponsor", said the man in the balloon. "I am", said the man, "but what gave me away?"

"Well", answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically right but I am still lost. Frankly you're not much help at all and you might even have delayed my trip."

"You must be an AA sponsee", replied the man. The man in the balloon was amazed and said, "I am, but how did you know?"

The man on the ground said, "Well, you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a lot of hot air. You are expecting other people to solve your problems and the fact is that you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow now It's my fault" !



When Asked about their "Gifts of Sobriety"

DISTRICT 35 MEMBERS SHARED:

- "Being present for my family"
- "Ability to help others"
- "Still Alive"
- "Giving back to my community"
- "Able to be a good son/daughter again"
- "Powerful awareness of the presence of God"
- "Owning my own home"
- "Freedom from hangovers"
- "Self-love"
- "Healthy and loving relationships"
- "Able to make goals and achieve them"
- "Acceptance of Self"
- "Getting accepted into school"
- "Re-connection to my culture, language and the land"
- "A healthy body that I choose to take care of"
- "A child that has never known me to drink"
- "Getting a College/University Degree"
- "Inner peace"
- "Traveling the world"
- "The ability to be a reliable, professional employee"
- "The opportunity to be as useful as I want to be. Service is my ticket to being a part of something bigger than me"

May 29-June 1, 2020 Western Canada Regional Forum, Calgary (Postponed-TBD)

July 2-5, 2020 AA International Convention, Detroit (Cancelled)

Sept 18-20, 2020 Area Assembly, Red Deer or ONLINE (TBD)

AA Historical Events in May



May 1

- 1939 – Lois and Bill W. left their home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn.
- 1940 – Rollie H., Cleveland Indians, anonymity break occurred.
- 1941 – First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in hotel in Milwaukee.

May 2

- 1941 – Jacksonville, FL newspaper reported the start of an AA group in Jacksonville.
- 1943 – New Orleans Times reported founding of the first Louisiana AA group with a dozen members.

May 3

- 1941 – First AA group formed in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1941 – Democrat Chronicle in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca hotel with 60 attending.

May 4

- 1940 – Sunday Star reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.

May 6

- 1939 – Clarence S. of Cleveland told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an “AA” meeting in Cleveland.

May 7

- 1956 – The first English AA Convention was held in Cheltenham, England.

May 8

- 1943 – Akron AA Group celebrates 8th anniversary with 500 present and sober.
- 1971 – Bill W. was buried in private ceremony, in East Dorset, Vermont. Dr. Jack Norris gave the eulogy.

May 10

- 1939 – Clarence S. announced to the Akron Oxford Group members that the Cleveland members were starting a meeting in Cleveland and calling it Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 1946 – Searcy W. had his last drink. (Searcy passed away September 30, 2003 with 57 years continuous sobriety.)

May 11

- 1935 – Bill W. called Walter Tunks from the Mayflower Hotel, and was referred to Henrietta Seiberling who set up a meeting with Dr. Bob.
- 1939 – First meeting of the Cleveland Group.

May 12

1935 – Mother's Day, Bill and Dr. Bob met for the first time, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 15

1961 – Bill W.'s mother, Dr. Emily Strobell, died.

May 16

1941 – Ruth Hock learned that the man credited with coming up with the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" has a "wet" brain.

May 17

1942 – Dayton Journal Herald published pictures of AA members wearing masks to protect their anonymity.

May 18

1939 – The first group to call itself A. A. is meets in Cleveland, OH.

1950 – Dr. Bob told Bill W. "I reckon we ought to be buried like other folks." He wanted no memorial.

May 19

2000 – Dr. Paul O. died at the age of 83. He was author of "Acceptance Was the Answer" in the 4th edition of the Big Book. This story was titled "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" in the 3rd edition.

May 29

1980 – "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" was published.

May 31

1938 – Bill W. and other A.A.s began writing the Big Book.

Other significant events in May for which we do not have a specific date:

1938 – Bill W. and other AA's began writing the Big Book.

1939 – Clarence Snyder told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to the Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "A.A." meeting in Cleveland.

1942 – Richmond W., author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day," had his last drink.

1946 – Long form of 12 Traditions was published in AA Grapevine for the first time.

1946 – The A.A. Grapevine announced, "A.A. has 6,000 members in 180 groups."

1948 – The A.A. Grapevine reported \$2.00 was sent to the General Service headquarters of A.A. in New York, asking for "a bottle of Alcoholics Anonymous".

1950 – Nell Wing became Bill W.'s secretary. 1951 – Al-Anon was founded by Lois W. and Anne B.

1962 – The A. A. Grapevine published the first "Victor E." cartoon.

