

## Events, Announcements and News



**THE NORTHSIDE GROUP WILL MEET AT CHRIST THE KING AT  
6400 N. SOCRUM LOOP ROAD, LAKELAND, FL INSTEAD OF  
THE USUAL MEETING AREA FOR**

**FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019 ONLY!!**

**JUNE 2019**

### **HEARTLAND INTERGROUPE**

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# **Office Volunteers Are Needed**

**9 am > 1 pm & 1 pm > 5 pm**

**Monday > Friday**

**Pick A Shift - Pick A Day**

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**Be The Hand Of A.A.**

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**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING  
SHIFTS!**

**ONE YEAR OF SOBRIETY IS NEEDED!**

**MONDAY AM (9am-1pm) ONE VOLUNTEER OR  
TWO FOR A SPLIT SHIFT**

**TUESDAY AM (9AM-1PM) ONE VOLUNTEER  
OR TWO FOR A SPLIT SHIFT**

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party 2019



- **Begins** - Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 10:00 AM
  - **Ends** - Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:00 PM
  - 2720 East Main St Lakeland, Fl.
  - Plenty of Food and beverages
  - 50/50 drawing to be held at the end of the Party
  - Live Music and drawings throughout the day!
  - AA meetings @ 7 AM, NOON, 5:30 PM and 8 PM
- Show up and have a fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

Sponsored by AA Groups of the 2720 Club

### **Dr. Bob's Last Drink...Start of A.A., June 10<sup>th</sup>?...or June 17<sup>th</sup>?**

As Founders Day approaches, June 10, we'll take a look back at the story of 'Dr. Bob's Last Drink' with a revisionist eye at the days and dates. The days, Sunday, June 9, 1935-Dr. Bob travels from Akron to Atlantic City to attend the AMA Convention – Monday, June 10, 1935-first day of the AMA Convention etc. are correct. These days, no doubt were cemented into the story line with the publication of Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers. However, Monday in the year 1935 was the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, usually the date assigned to the Dr. Bob took his last drink.

In the re-telling of the story by Mitchell K., it is a review of the 1935 Convention published by the AMA on June 22, 1935. In the second paragraph it is noted that the convention started on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bob didn't take his last drink until about 7 days after the convention started. So, the days and the dates don't match. Does it matter? Not really. Will A.A. change the date of Founders Day from June 10<sup>th</sup>? Probably not.

What is important to the story, that Bill realized there was nothing he could do to stop Dr. Bob from attending the convention. He had to 'let go and let God.' Maybe Dr. Bob needed one more frenzied run with alcohol. We'll never know. What we do know is that in June of 1935 Dr. Bob and Bill began to forge the program and fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous that has grown and flourished for 84 years.

This is why we celebrate Founders Day.

### **Dr. Bob's Last Drink**

Bill W. had met a kindred spirit in Dr. Bob. Both men were born in Vermont, both were intelligent and both were alcoholics. They somehow knew that fateful evening in Henrietta Seiberlings Gatehouse home both of them were going to be okay.

After a few weeks of working with each other and attempting to deliver the message of recovery to other alcoholics, Bill and Dr. Bob did not appear to be discouraged. Despite their not being able to bring another rummy into the fold – they were staying sober. Quite a feat for Dr. Bob who had been attending Oxford Group meetings for a few years, even prior to getting together with Bill.

Dr. Bob was feeling so secure that he decided to attend a convention of the American Medical Association. He had not missed a convention in 20 years and did not plan on missing this one. Bob's wife, Anne was set against him attending the convention. She remembered previous ones where he had gotten drunk.

Dr. Bob assured her that he would not drink. He said that alcoholics, even those who had stopped drinking, would have to begin to learn how to live in the real world. She finally agreed and off he went.

Dr. Bob kept his promise to Anne. That is, until he boarded the train to Atlantic City. Once on the train Dr. Bob began to drink in earnest. He drank all the way to Atlantic City, purchased more bottles prior to checking in to the hotel. That was on a Sunday evening.

Dr. Bob stayed sober on Monday until after dinner. He then resumed his drinking. Upon awakening on Tuesday morning his drinking continued until noon. He then realized that he was about to disgrace himself by showing up at the convention drunk.

### **24-Hour Blackout**

The operation was a success and Dr. Bob did not return home right after it. Both Bill and Anne were concerned to say the least. They later found out, after Dr. Bob had returned, that he was out making amends. Not drunk as they may have surmised, but happy and sober. That date according to the AA literature was June 10, 1935.

June 10, 1935 has been considered as AA's Founding Date for many years. After all, it was the date Dr. Bob had his last drink – or was it? Recently discovered evidence appears to differ with the "official" literature.

### **The "Official" Date**

The Archives of the American Medical Association reportedly show that their convention in Atlantic City, in the year of 1935 did not start until June 10<sup>th</sup>. How could Dr. Bob have gone to the convention, by train – be in a blackout for 24 hours – go through a three-day detoxification – perform surgery on the day of his last drink – June 10, 1935?



If you see yourself attending the  
A.A. International Convention  
in July of 2020, then there's  
another *important date* for you!

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**Tradition Six:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

**Concept VI:** *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.*

### **What Tradition 6 Says**

In order to preserve the integrity of the program and maintain their primary spiritual aim, 12-step support groups do not endorse any outside organizations and causes.

**"Tradition 6:** Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

### **What It Means**

As individuals, members of 12-step support groups are free to endorse, finance, or affiliate with any organization, religion, political party, charitable or civic organization they wish. But as a group, such endorsement could lead to misunderstanding and confusion.

### **Why Tradition 6 Is Important**

Even worthy projects such as starting a 12-step club or supporting a shelter for abused spouses should not be entered into as a group project, but rather as an effort of members as individuals, if they so desire. Invariably, these situations can involve struggles over finances and control and can divert a group and the fellowship away from its primary focus on recovery.

Members come into the rooms each week seeking help from the experience, strength, and hope of other members. This process can be interrupted if the group spends part of the allotted time for discussion of outside activities. When a group's discussion becomes dominated by outside issues, it robs individual members of their meeting time. In short, tradition 6 ensures unity within the group.

## Sixth Step Prayer

Dear God,

I am ready for Your help In removing from me the defects of character Which I now realize are an obstacle to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself & guide me toward spiritual & mental health.

**June 1:**

1949 - Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.

**June 4:**

2002- Caroline Knapp, author of "Drinking: A Love Story" died sober of lung cancer.

**June 5:**

1940 - Ebby Thatcher took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.

**June 6:**

1940 - The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.

1979 - AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois Wilson, Bill's wife, in New York.

**June 7:**

1939 - Bill and Lois Wilson had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.

1941 - The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.

**June 8:**

1941 - Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**June 10:**

1935 - The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.

**June 11:**

1945 - Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.

1969 - Dr. Bob's granddaughter, Bonna, daughter of Sue Smith and Ernie Galbraith (The Seven Month Slip in the First Edition) killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child.

1971 - Ernie Galbraith died.

**June 13:**

1945 - Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.

**June 15:**

1940 - First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.

**June 16:**

1938 - Jim Burwell, "The Vicious Cycle" in Big Book, had his last drink.

**June 17:**

1942 - New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers.

**June 18:**

1940 - One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.

**June 19:**

1942 - Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. "There are fewer suicides in my

files," he commented.

**June 21:**

**1944** - The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.

**June 24:**

**1938** - Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book "Not to bear any author's name but to be by 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'"

**June 25:**

**1939** - The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."

**June 26:**

**1935** - Bill Dotson. (AA #3) entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.

**June 28:**

**1935** - Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson at Akron's City Hospital.

**June 30:**

**1941** - Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.

**2000** - More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.

Other significant events in **June** for which we have no specific date:

**1948** - A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit, Wisconsin, Public Library by a local AA member.

**1981** - AA in Switzerland held its 25th Anniversary Convention with Lois Wilson and Nell Wing in attendance.

**June 29- July 2:**

**1995** - 56,000 attend 60th Anniversary of AA in San Diego. What a party!



## LOCATE MEETINGS WITH A CLICK!

"Meeting Guide by Josh R." is an app which can be downloaded to your cell phone to show you daily meetings in the Heartland Intergroup areas of Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties. Available in your Play Store for Apple and Android phones.

Check it out!

Contributions from the previous month will be included in the following month's mid-month issue.

**(If you notice that your contribution is not reflected, please remember that we publish the contributions from the prior month, so yours may not show up until next month).**

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