

District 48



Monthly Newsletter

February 2017

Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 2 – “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

2nd Tradition – “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Welcome to the District 48 February Newsletter

Hard copies of the D48 newsletter will be made available to all GSRs at the monthly district meeting for distribution to your individual meetings. The newsletter is also posted on the district website, district48aa.org, where it can be viewed or printed to share.

In order for this newsletter to become a viable and relevant communication vehicle that shares positive news of Recovery among us – **you need to be an active participant**. Spread the news of what’s working in your meeting, home group and life. Email newsletter@district48aa.org

This Month in AA History

February 5, 1941 – Pittsburgh telegram ran a story on the first A.A. group’s Friday night meeting of a dozen “former hopeless drunks”

February 8, 1940 – Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other AAs asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for money at the Union Club, N.Y. They got \$2,000

February 12, 1945 – World War II paper shortage forced reduction in size of the Big Book.

February 14, 1971 – AA groups worldwide held a memorial service for Bill Wilson.

February 16, 1941 – Baltimore Sunday Sun reported city’s first AA group begun in 1940 had grown from 3 to 40 members, with five being women.

February 18, 1943 – A’s were granted the right to use cars for 12th step work despite gas rationing.

February 21, 1939 - 400 copies of the Big Book manuscript were sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists and others for comment

Upcoming Events

Registration Forms & Flyers @
www.district48aa.org

March 2017

Lollapalooza Conference

SAVE THE DATE

August 4, 5 & 6th

Pennsylvania State Convention

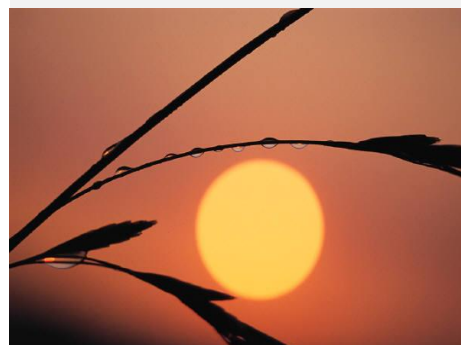
Important Announcements

- Is your meeting in need of fresh faces or dwindling in attendance?
- Are you celebrating an anniversary next month and would like to share the news?
- Is there a special event your group is working on & you want to spread the word?

***If you answered yes to any of the above or think you have a news item for consideration for upcoming issues, please submit the information to:

newsletter@district48aa.org

Submission deadline is the 28th of each month prior to publication.



ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Judy K – 30 years
Dennis G – 28 years
George W – 22 years
Rodney A – 20 years
David T – 17 years
Tea J – 10 years
Jim P – 8 years
Amy A – 90 days

FEBRUARY

Charlene F – 23 years
Jess M – 4 years
Mark B – 3 years
Frank L – 2 years
Dave M – 1 year
Sue G – 6 months
Chris B - 30 days

Dale J – 22 years
Mike C – 4 years
Thomas T – 3 years
Kate M – 1 year
Melodie R – 1 year
Taylor G – 90 days
Jason S – 30 days

WE ALL HAVE TODAY

If you'd like your anniversary listed in the newsletter please email newsletter@district48aa.org GSR's please submit up to date Home Group Lists

SAFETY AT MEETINGS AND BEYOND

Here are some helpful suggestions and reminders:

- Talk about issues of safety before they arise.
- Safety is something each member attending an A.A. meeting can be mindful of.
- Communicate clearly what A.A. is and what it is not.
- Sponsorship plays an important role and sponsors can be helpful in pointing out warning signs or unhealthy situations to sponsees and newcomers.
- A.A. members who are concerned about the words or actions of a sponsor or other member may find it helpful to speak to someone they trust, their A.A. group, or a professional, as needed.
- Include Safety and the A.A. Meeting Environment as topics for a group inventory.
- Consider developing group guidelines and procedures on safety. Recommend that no one walk to a car alone but be accompanied by a trusted fellow or travel in a group.
- In all discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and place principles before personalities.

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In the Community...

NEW MEETING

Veterans & Friends in Recovery

Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1101 Washington Blvd.
Williamsport

Meetings in Need of Support:

Tuesday 12+12=24

Alternative Clubhouse
2018 West 4th Street, Wmspt.

Young People in Recovery

Sunday, 3:00PM
Alternative Bikers Club
2003 W. 4th St., Wmspt.

District 48 Hotline:

866-671-6130

24 Hours/Day – 7 Days/Week