



# AAGRAPEVINE Checklist

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tradition Two: 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.**

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?



**Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.**

- ◆ Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the “Conference”)?
- ◆ What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group’s G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- ◆ Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

# This Month in A.A. History...

## **February 1:**

**1918:** Original date set for Bill Wilson's marriage to Lois Burnham. The date was moved up because of the war.

**1942:** Ruth Hock, AA's 1st paid secretary, resigns to get married

## **February 2:**

**1942:** Bill Wilson paid tribute to Ruth Hock, AA's first paid secretary, who resigned to get married. She had written approximately 15,000 letters to people asking for help

## **February 5:**

**1941:** Pittsburgh Telegram ran a story on the first AA group's Friday night meeting of a dozen "former hopeless drunks."

## **February 8:**

**1940:** Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other AA's asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller Jr., for money at the Union Club, NY. They got \$2,000.

**1940:** Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on A.A. by Larry J.

## **February 9:**

**2002:** Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's daughter died.

## **February 10:**

**1922:** Harold E. Hughes was born on a farm near Ida Grove, Iowa. After his recovery from alcoholism, he became Governor of Iowa, a United States Senator, and the leading dark horse for the Presidential Democratic nomination in 1972, until he announced he would not run. He authored the legislation which created the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and other legislation to help alcoholics and addicts.

## **February 11:**

**1938:** Clarence Snyder ("Home Brewmeister" in 1st, 2nd & 3rd editions) had his last drink.

## **February 12:**

**1945:** World War II paper shortage forced reduction in size of the Big Book.

## **February 13:**

**1937:** Oxford Groups "Alcoholic Squadron" met at the home of Hank Parkhurst ("The Unbeliever" in the 1st edition of the Big Book) in New Jersey.

**1940:** With about two years of sobriety, Jim Burwell ("The Vicious Cycle") moved to the Philadelphia area and started the first Philadelphia A.A. group.

## **February 14:**

**1971:** AA groups worldwide held a memorial service for Bill Wilson.

**2000:** William Y., "California Bill" died in Winston Salem, NC.

## **February 15:**

**1918:** Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's adopted daughter, was born.

**1941:** Baltimore Sunday Sun reported that the city's first AA group, begun in June 1940, had grown from 3 to 40 members.

**1946:** AA Tribune, Des Moines, IA, reported 36 new members since Marty Mann had been there.

## **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:** AA's were granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases, despite gas rationing.

## **February 19:**

**1967:** Father "John Doe" (Ralph Pfau), 1st Catholic Priest in AA, died.

## **February 20:**

**1941:** The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.

## **February 21:**

**1939:** 400 copies of the Big Book manuscript were sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists, and others for comment. This was the "multilith" Big Book.

**February 22:**

**1842:** Abe Lincoln addressed the Washington Temperance Society in Springfield, IL.

**February 23:**

**1959:** AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book.

**February 24:**

**2002:** Hal Marley, "Dr. Attitude of Gratitude," died. He had 37 years of sobriety. Hal testified, anonymously, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on December 3, 1970.

**February 26:**

**1999:** Felicia Gizycka, author of "Stars Don't Fall," died. Born Countess Felicia Gizycka in 1905, she was the daughter of Count Josef Gizycki and Eleanor Medill Patterson. She married Drew Pearson in 1925 and divorced him three years later. She married Dudley de Lavigne in 1934, but the marriage lasted less than a year. In 1958 she married John Kennedy Magruder and divorced him in 1964. For most of her professional career, she went by the name Felicia Gizycka.

**February 28:**

**1940:** First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA was held at McCready Huston's room at 2209 Delancy Street.

***Other February happenings for which I have no specific date:***

**1908:** Bill Wilson made boomerang.

**1916:** Bill Wilson & sophomore class at Norwich University was suspended for hazing.

**1938:** Rockefeller gave \$5,000 to AA.

**1939:** Dr. Harry Tiebout endorsed AA, the first psychiatrist to do so.

**1939:** Dr Howard of Montclair, NJ suggests swapping "you musts" for "we ought" in the Big Book.

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**1940:** 1st AA clubhouse opened at 334-1/2 West 24th Street, NYC.

**1943:** San Francisco Bulletin reporter Marsh Masline interviewed Ricardo, a San Quentin Prison AA group member.

**1946:** Baton Rouge, La., AA's hold their first anniversary meeting.

**1946:** The AA Grapevine reported the New York Seaman's Group issued a pamphlet for seamen "on one page the 12 Steps have been streamlined into 5."

**1946:** Des Moines Committee for Education on Alcoholism aired its first show on KRNT.

**1946:** Pueblo, Colorado, had a second group, composed of alcoholic State Hospital patients.

**1951:** Fortune magazine article about AA was published in pamphlet form.

**1959:** AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book.

**1963:** Harpers carried article critical of AA.

**1981:** 1st issue of "Markings," AA Archives Newsletter, was published, "to give the Fellowship a sense of its own past and the opportunity to study it."



**Birthday Club - January 2026**

*Anyone wishing to becoming a part of the Birthday Club — See page 8*

**Faithful Fivers-2026**

**David C.**

**Karen A.**

Tri District Events Committee Presents

# *Sponsorship Workshop*

## *Language of the Heart*

Saturday, February 21st

12-3:30pm

Freely receive, Freely give ~  
The JOY of Sponsorship.  
Join us for an "Ask It Basket"  
panel of 8 dynamite speakers  
sponsors/sponsees plus learn  
all about Service Sponsorship!  
You don't want to miss it!

Serenity Players presents  
"The Sponsoring Game" Skit

Italian Food "Potluck Style"  
-so bring a dish to share!

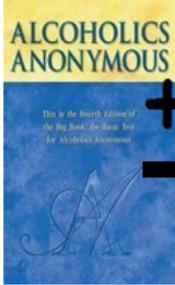


*Basket Raffle*  
*50/50 Raffle*

Gadsden Street United Methodist Church  
901 E. Gadsden St., Pensacola, FL 32501  
(Next to Krispy Kreme Donuts)



AAWS Announces:



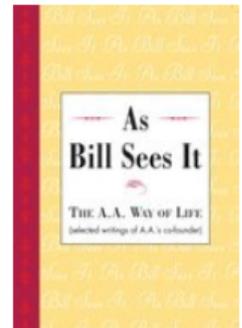
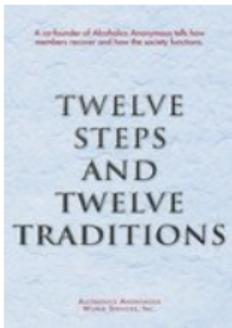
**+ \$3.00 BOOK**

**+15% Literature**

# PRICE INCREASE!

Effective

**February  
2026**



## •BREAKDOWNS AND EXCEPTIONS:

Books are defined as any item whose item number begins with **B, SB, or FB**. These items will receive a **\$3** per-item increase.

### EXCLUDING :

B-0 (Alcoholics Anonymous Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition, recently reduced to a discounted \$2 USD List Price) B-0 will remain unchanged and is **the only exception** to the book price increase.

B-28 (A.A. for the Older Alcoholic) will receive a 15% price increase.

All other literature items will receive a **15% price increase.**  
Literature sets will reflect a **\$3 increase per book.**

**The PI / CPC\*  
Committee  
needs help to  
carry the AA  
message in the  
Tri-District Area**



*\*Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community*

**Please join the PI / CPC Committee  
as we help fulfill AA's Primary Purpose,  
"to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."**

**Location:** Central Office  
**Address:** 600 University Office Blvd, Suite 14B  
Pensacola, FL 32504

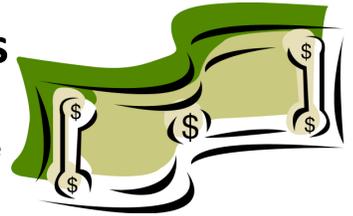
**When:** 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 6 pm

**What we do:**

- Have distributed AA Big Books to public libraries in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.
- Established a "Grapevine Blitz," where we collected Grapevine magazine donations from group members in Districts 13, 21, and 22. We then label the magazines with the Tri-District Central Office contact information. Committee and AA members leave the Grapevines in doctor's offices in the area.
- Post anonymous flyers on the Facebook Forum, What's Happening Pensacola, to explain how to find open AA meetings.



# Join the Tri-District Faithful Fivers



"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with other who still suffer." — Bill W.

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## What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are AA members who contribute at least Five dollars each month to support Tri-District Intergroup AA Central Office to carry the AA message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Tri-District Area of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution can and will make our vital services possible.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days. Your contribution will help Tri-District Intergroup AA Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Tri-District Central Office

helps carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic by coordinating the following services:

- Answers inquiries from those seeking help (suffering alcoholics, sober alcoholics, meetings, groups, professionals and the general public)
- Orders & sells AA literature
- Publishes meeting lists
- Maintains a 12-step list to help the still suffering alcoholic
- Maintains and updates website: [www.aapensacola.org](http://www.aapensacola.org)
- Acts as an information exchange for all Escambia and Santa Rosa meetings and groups

- Cooperates closely with other AA entities such as GSO New York, General Services, Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community, Hospitals & Institutions, and Bridging the Gap Committees.

***Your Contribution goes directly to supporting these services!***

If you want to drink —  
That is your business —  
If you want to stop drinking —  
That's Ours.

Tri-District Central Office  
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600 University Office Blvd.  
Pensacola, FL 32504  
(850) 433-4191  
[www.aapensacola.org](http://www.aapensacola.org)

# FAITHFUL FIVERS ARE DOING SERVICE WORK!

***Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay  Annually (\$60)  Quarterly (\$15)  Monthly (\$5)

Please email a reminder  Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Tri-District Central Office, 600 University Office Blvd, Ste 14B, Pensacola, FL 32504



**You're Invited to join the**

# **Birthday Club**

**Birthday Club is when AA members contribute \$1 per year of their Sobriety to the Central Office as act of gratitude and support your local Tri-District Intergroup.**

**All you do is send us your Contribution on your Birthday month with your sobriety date & home group or mail it in with this sheet and we will print it in the Newsletter monthly Birthday Club.**

**Name**

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**Sobriety Date**

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**Home Group**

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# Feb 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>01</b> District 22 GSR Mtg 4:00 PM	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> District 13 GSR Mtg 6:00 PM	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Tri-District Intergroup Committee 6:00 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tri- District Events Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Alkathon Committee 6:00 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CPC/PI Committee 6:00 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> District 21 GSR Mtg 6:00 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>