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Our Three Legacies... Recovery, Unity & Service

Steps, Traditions and Concepts

Step Six

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

The moment we say, "No, never!" our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal. This is the exact point at which we abandon limited objectives, and move toward God's will for us.

Tradition Six

"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."

These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try. We saw as never before that we could not lend the A.A. name to any cause other than our own.

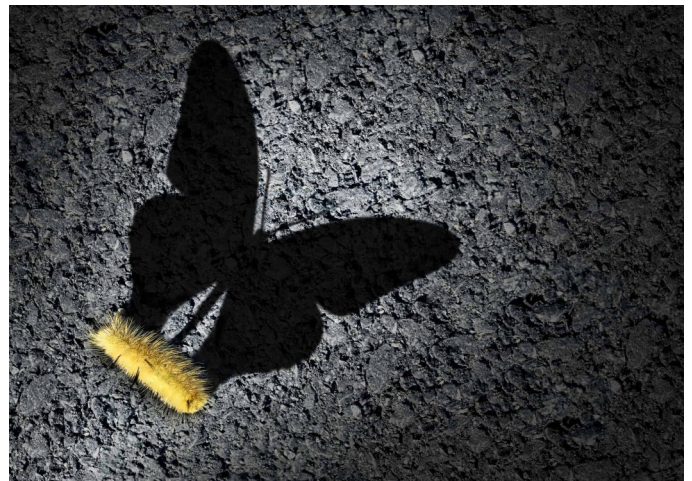
Concept Six

"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 top to bottom, our whole service structure indeed resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders; the Delegates are their representatives or proxies at the "annual meeting"; our General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a "holding company". And this holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the "subsidiaries" which carry on our active world services.

This very real analogy makes it even more clear that, just like any other board of directors, our Trustees must be given large powers if they are to effectively manage the principal world affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous

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Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
Twelve Concepts for World Service*



This Month in A.A. History...

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."

AAGRAPEVINE Checklist

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

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.

- 1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?**
- 2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?**
- 3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?**
- 4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?**
- 5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?**



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.

- ♦ Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?**
- ♦ Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?**
- ♦ Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?**

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:

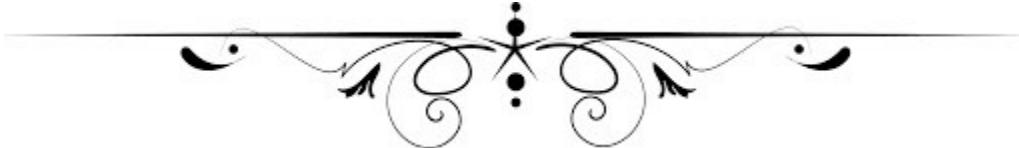
1941 - Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.

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



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Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

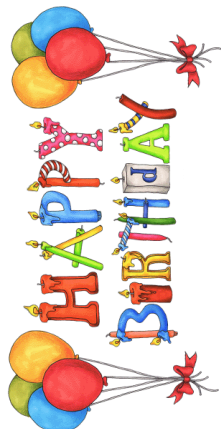
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

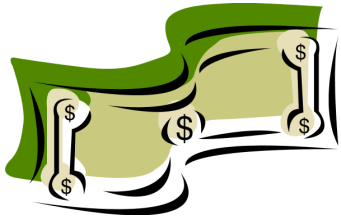
And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



Birthday Club - June 2026

Anyone wishing to becoming a part of the Birthday Club — See page 11 for details.



2025 Tri-District Faithful Fivers

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. *Reprinted from The Language of the Heart with permission from the AA Grapevine, Inc.*

David C.

Lee K.

Tom C.

Carol V.

Bill S.

Mark V.

Karen A.

Michael D.

Virginia D.

See page 10 to learn how to join the Faithful Fivers.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Tri-District
Founders' Day

Fri & Sat,
June 5th-6th,
2026



Pensacola, FL
82 Years

Akron, Ohio
91 Years

Gadsden Street United Methodist Church • 901 E. Gadsden Street, Pensacola, FL 32501

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th

- 5:30 pm Registration
- 5:50 pm Opening Remarks
- 6 pm - 6:30 pm **The Time Machine** by Serenity Players
- 6:30 pm - 7 pm Stepping Stones - Three Legacy's (Stephanie F.)
- 7 pm - 9:30 pm "Rocketed Into the 4th Dimension" - KARAOKE KICKOFF!

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th

- 8:30am Registration
- 9am - 10am Morning Brew Meeting - Daily Reflection (Frank C.)
- 10:30am - 12pm AA History Presentation (Rick F)
- 12pm - 1pm Lunch-Potluck (Zaxby's Fried Chicken, Salads and Sandwiches)
- 1pm - 2:30pm Old Timer Panel
- 3pm- 4pm AA History - Jeopardy Game (Lauren S.)
- 4pm Closing Remarks & 50/50 Raffle Drawing

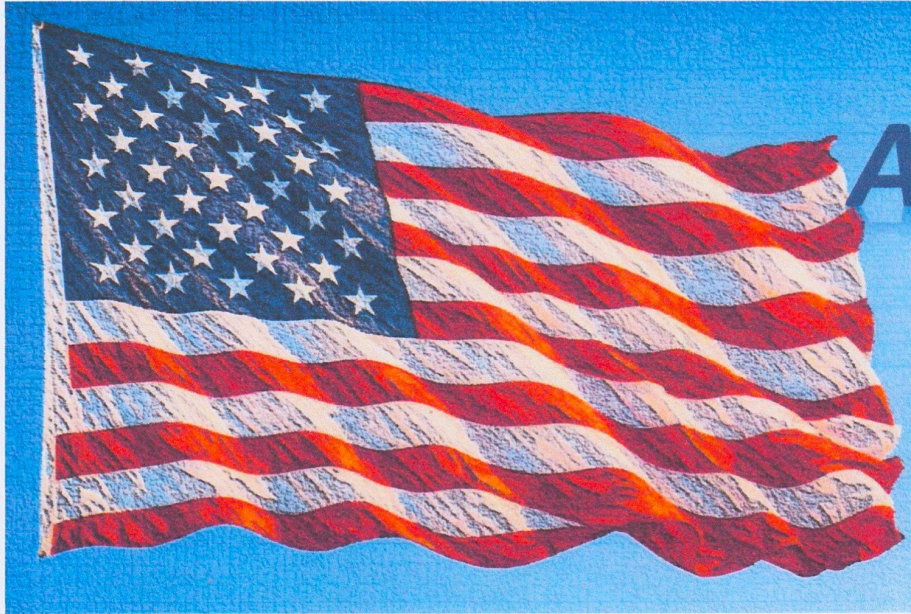


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@serenity-group-2





Innerarity Acceptance Group Medallion & Speaker Meeting



AMERICA 250 YEARS

When: Friday June 26, 2026

Who: Open to all groups

Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Family Life Center)

10650 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32507

Schedule of Events

6:00 Potluck Dinner

7:00 Speaker, Lee R., (Into Action)

Celebrating "50" Years Sobriety

7:30 Medallion Presentation



POC: Marty Kammer (martykammer@yahoo.com)

If you had an AA birthday or anniversary this month and would like to pick up a medallion or chip to celebrate with us!

Pensacola Beach Meeting

PARK WEST

GULF SIDE

21B

RIP CURRENTS

Break the Grip of the Rip!



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- Don't fight the current
- Swim out of the current, then to shore
- If you can't escape, float or tread water
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- Know how to swim
- Never swim alone
- If in doubt, don't go out

BEACH WARNING FLAGS

BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA



Water Closed to Public
Agua Cerrada al Público



High Hazard
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes



Medium Hazard
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes



Low Hazard
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado



Dangerous Marine Life
Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras



Every Saturday
at 8 p.m.

May 1 - October 31

Weather permitting.



50
years

Games!

Karaoke!

ANNIVERSARY

FIRESIDE GROUP

Sat, June 27th, 1-6pm
Speaker Bill H., 3-4pm

Pulled Pork

Please bring Sides & Desserts
Raffle for Scratch Off Basket!



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESSURECTION • 6305 N. BLUE ANGEL PARKWAY



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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
- 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.

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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

Sobriety Date

Home Group

June 2026

	01	02	03	04 District 13 GSR Mtg 6:00 pm	05	06
07 District 22 GSR Mtg 4:00 pm	08 Tri-District Intergroup Committee 6:00 pm	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Tri-District Events Committee 6:00 pm	17	18 Alkathon Committee 6:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 District 21 GSR Mtg 6:00 pm	26	27
28	29	30				