

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS DISTRICT 18  
 CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE  
 MON - FRI 10 am - 6 pm SAT 10 am - 12 pm  
 Address: 409 Broadway, Unit C-1, South Roxana, IL Phone: (618) 251-4000  
 District Meeting: Held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm



**Birthdays/Anniversaries**



<b><i>Celebration Date</i></b>	<b><i>What's Happening</i></b>	<b><i>Birthday</i></b>	<b><i>Group</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>
FRI 2/24 @ 6:00pm	Donna R. Celebrates 3 years	2/9	Alton Friday Night Group	Upper Alton Baptist Church, Peck Bldg, College & Seminary
FRI 2/24 @ 6:00pm	Dennis R Celebrates 3 years	2/14	Alton Friday Night Group	Upper Alton Baptist Church, Peck Bldg, College & Seminary
FRI 2/24 @ 6:00pm	Rhonda O. Celebrates 2 years	2/24	Alton Friday Night Group	Upper Alton Baptist Church, Peck Bldg, College & Seminary

**Service Work**

The CSO is in need of volunteers to work Saturday mornings from 10am to noon. Please call Becky at 581-0004 if you would like to help. Volunteers are also needed to chair committees and to fill positions as local chair members. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the CSO.



# SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS



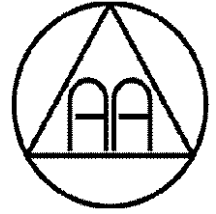
<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
FRI 2/3	Open speaker meeting Shelly D. from "Primary Purpose Group" is speaking @ 8:00pm Free Pizza afterward.	"Friends of Bill W."	United Methodist Church on 1200 South Liberty St., Jerseyville, IL
WED 2/8	Jim I. from O'Fallon Speaking @ 7:00am	"Morning Miracles"	New Bethel United Methodist Church 131 North Main St, Glen Carbon, IL
2/23 THU	Annie K. Speaking @ 7:00pm and pasta potluck	"Sisters in Sobriety"	First Christian Church, 724 E Bethalto Blvd, HWY 140, Lower Level
FRI 3/3	Open speaker meeting Ray R. from "Friends of Bill W. Group" is speaking @ 8:00pm Free Pizza afterward.	"Friends of Bill W."	United Methodist Church on 1200 South Liberty St., Jerseyville, IL

## *The Twelve Rewards of AA*

- 1.) Hope instead of desperation
- 2.) Faith instead of despair
- 3.) Courage instead of fear
- 4.) Peace of mind instead of confusion
- 5.) Self-respect instead of self-contempt
- 6.) Self-confidence instead of helplessness
- 7.) Respect of others instead of pity and contempt
- 8.) Clean conscience instead of guilt
- 9.) Real friendship instead of loneliness
- 10.) Clean pattern of life instead of purposeless existence
- 11.) Love and understanding of our families instead of their doubts and fears
- 12.) Freedom of a happy life instead of the bondage of an obsession



# A.A. Historical Events in February



## **February 1**

1918 – Original date set for Bill W.’s marriage to Lois Burnham. The date was moved up because of the war.

## **February 2**

1942 – Bill W. 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 A.A. group’s Friday night meeting of a dozen “former hopeless drunks.”

## **February 8**

1940 – Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other A.A.s asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for money at the Union Club, N Y. 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 S. (“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 P. (“The Unbeliever” in the 1st edition of the Big Book) in New Jersey.

1940 – With about two years of sobriety, Jim B. (“The Vicious Cycle”) moved to the Philadelphia area and started the first Philadelphia A.A. group.

## **Feb 14**

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

2000 – William Y., “California Bill” died in Winston Salem, NC.

## **February 15**

1946 – AA Tribune, Des Moines, IA, reported 36 new members since Marty M. 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 P.), 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 24**

2002 — Hal M., “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 G., author of “Stars Don’t Fall,” died. Born Countess Felicia G. in 1905, she was the daughter of Count Josef G. 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 G.

### **Other February happenings with no specific date:**

1908 – Bill W. made boomerang.

1916 – Bill W. & 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.

1940 – First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA is held at McCready H.’s room at 2209 Delaney Street.

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.”

## ***Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness***

Tony and Joe both get DUIs around the same time and are court ordered to AA. Joe stops going as soon as he gets his last paper signed, but Tony sticks around. A few months later, they run into each other. After some small talk, Joe asks, “Where are you headed?”

Tony says, “To an AA meeting”

Joe says, “Really? How long do you have to go for?”

Tony replies, “Probably for the rest of my life.”

“My God!” Joe exclaims. “What judge did YOU have?”

# EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS



## 2017 GREAT RIVER ROUNDUP



It Works,  
It Really Does

**March 3rd, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup>**

Register by visiting <http://www.greatriverroundup.com/>

Lodge reservations are independent of the Great River Roundup Reservations.

### *Outside The District*

#### *Looking for Volunteers for Spring Fling 2017 Convention!*

All Committee Meeting will be held at:  
Central Service Office  
#14 Sunnen Drive  
St. Louis, MO. 63143

These Meetings are Open to Everyone!  
Below is a Schedule of Dates and Times

- July 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- August 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- September 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM. (Trivia Nite)
- October 23, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- November 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- December 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- January 22, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- February 26, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- March 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM. (Comedy Nite)
- April 23, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- May 26 – 28, 2017 (Spring Fling)

For More Info. Contact: Dawn S. (314) 243-3192  
Mike M. (314) 835-8731

*We Hope to See You There!*

## 30<sup>TH</sup> IAAMC-GATEWAY TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION

APRIL 21, 22, & 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017

Holiday Inn Downtown: 811 N 9<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO

For Reservations Call: 1-800-439-4745

Room: \$109.00 per night

Conference Registration: \$35.00

Banquet Dinner (Saturday Night) \$50.00

For More Information Contact: Jerry G. (314)606-0303

<http://www.iaamc2017.org>

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL METRO-EAST BANQUET

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Fischer's Restaurant: 2100 W. Main St, Belleville, IL 62226

Fellowship @ 5:30pm

Dinner @ 6:30pm

Speaker – Peter M. (Boca Raton, FL) @ 8pm

Tickets: \$34 per person. You may purchase a table 10 for \$340

For additional information please contact:

Gordon N. (618)580-1118 – [gtn0417@gmail.com](mailto:gtn0417@gmail.com) or

Adam W. (618)520-1344 – [epenguin68@gmail.com](mailto:epenguin68@gmail.com)

## The new address for Area 21 donations.

**Southern Illinois Area 21**

**Box 306**

**Danville, IL. 62017**



Please send in announcements for December by November 25<sup>th</sup> ☺ to [districteighteennewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:districteighteennewsletter@gmail.com) And please remember to include all groups, times, and locations for birthdays and speakers.

### MEETING CHANGES?

Who do we inform to ensure that meeting listings in the where and when and the district website are up to date and accurate?

- Where and when changes and additions need to be emailed to: [Roblando38@aol.com](mailto:Roblando38@aol.com). The subject line in the email should have “where and when”.
- District website meeting changes need to be emailed to [info@aa-sil18.org](mailto:info@aa-sil18.org)

We thank these gentlemen for their service as our meetings are constantly changing, so there is a lot to keep up with.