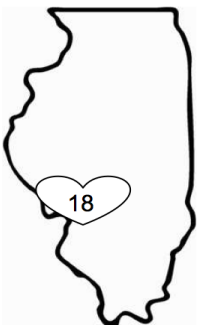


District 18 Newsletter



A Vision for Us

May 2017

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



District 18 is seeking volunteers, monetary donations, and raffle items for the picnic.



Please contact: jane.crouch90@gmail.com

The new District 18 Web Site aa-district18.org is now available for use. Please check it out! Effective May 1, 2017 the old District 18 web site will be discontinued. Please update your browsing information to reflect the new site. Thank you. District 18 Web Committee



Birthdays/Anniversaries



<i>Celebration Date</i>	<i>What's Happening</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
THU 5/4 @ 7:00pm	Gary G. Celebrates 29 years	4/28	Edwardsville Bulldogs	1st Christian Church (downstairs), 310 S. Main St.
SAT 5/5 @ 8:00pm	Stan L. Celebrates 23 years	5/2	Jerseyville's Speaker meeting	United Methodist Church on 1200 South Liberty St
SAT 5/6 @ 5:30pm	Heather B. Celebrates 4 years	5/6	Happy Hour	Church of Christ 228 N 6th St Wood River
MON 5/8 @ 8:00pm (potluck @ 6:30pm)	Ross Celebrates 20 years & Deb Celebrates 15 years	5/8	North Alton	101 West Elm Street
THU 5/11 @ 7:00pm	Nikki E. Celebrates 3 years	5/11	Sisters in Sobriety	724 East Bethalto Blvd
SAT 5/13 @ 5:30pm	Drew R. Celebrates 13 years	5/13	Happy Hour	Church of Christ 228 N 6th St Wood River
WED 5/17 @ 7:30pm	Brian N. Celebrates 3 years	5/17	Bunker Hill Big Book	History Museum (rear entrance) 114 E. Warren St.

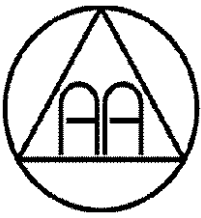
FRI 5/19	John Y. Celebrates 17 years	5/19		
MON 5/22 @ 12:00pm	Rob H. Celebrates 2 years	5/16	Courage to Change	409 Broadway Ave South Roxana
MON 5/22 @ 7:30pm	Stretch S. Celebrates 3 years	5/22	Primary Purpose	409 Broadway Ave South Roxana
TUE 5/27 @ 8:00am	Lesley E. Celebrates 4 years	5/27	Tuesday Night Group	Trinity Lutheran Church 519 Chapman Street



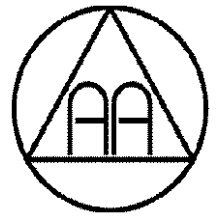
SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS



<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
WED 5/3	Potluck @ 7:00pm Randy B. Speaking	Alton Wednesday Night Group	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3rd and Market
FRI 5/5	Speaker @ 8:00pm Andrea A. from the Calhoun Saturday Night Group Pizza After Speaker	Friends of Bill W	1200 South Liberty Street Jerseyville
MON 5/8	Potluck @ 6:30pm Ross & Deb Speaking @ 8:00pm	North Alton	101 West Elm Street
MON 5/22	Potluck @ 6:00pm Hable H. from Belleville Speaking @ 7:00pm	Experience, Strength, and Hope	Tri County Church of Christ 120 W 1st St, South Roxana
THU 5/25	BBQ Potluck @ 6:00pm Matt K. Speaking @ 7:00pm	Sisters in Sobriety	First Christian Church, Lower Level, 724 E Bethalto Blvd



A.A. Historical Events in May



May 1

1939 - Lois and Bill Wilson left their home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn.

1940: Rollie H, Cleveland Indians, first anonymity break on national level.

1941 - First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in a Milwaukee hotel.

May 2

1941 - Jacksonville, FL, newspaper reported start of a new AA group.

1941 - First meeting was held in San Bernardino, California.

1941: The first AA group in New Orleans, Louisiana, was formed. (sometimes dated as May 2, 1943) by New Orleans Times

May 3

1941 - First AA group formed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1943 - Democrat Chronicle in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca Hotel with 60 attending.

May 4

1940: Sunday Star reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.

1946 - Marty Mann explained Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism on the "We the People" radio show.

May 5

1940 - Washington, DC, Sunday Star reported formation of first AA group in the District of Columbia.

May 6

1939: Clarence S of Cleveland told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "AA" meeting in Cleveland.

1946: The long form of the "Twelve Traditions" was published in the AA Grapevine.

May 7

1956 - The first English AA Convention was held in Cheltenham, England.

May 8

1943 - Akron AA group had its 8th anniversary celebration with 500 present and sober.

1971 - Bill Wilson was buried in private ceremony, East Dorset, Vermont.

May 10

1939: Clarence S announced to the Akron Oxford Group members that the Cleveland members were starting a meeting in Cleveland and calling it Alcoholics Anonymous.

1946 - Searcy W. had his last drink. (Searcy died September 30, 2003.)

May 11

1935 - From the Mayflower Hotel, Bill Wilson called Walter Tunks who referred him to Henrietta Seiberling who introduced Bill to Dr. Bob.

1939: First group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G's house in Cleveland. (some sources say the 18th)

May 12

1935 - Mothers' Day - Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith met for the first time in Akron, Ohio, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 14

1948 - Long Beach, California. Central Office was opened.

1998 - Sybil C., first woman to enter A.A. west of the Mississippi, died. Her date of sobriety was March 23, 1941. Her name at the time was Sybil Maxwell, though she later opened her talks by saying, "My name is Sybil Doris Adams Stratton Hart Maxwell Willis C., and I'm an alcoholic."

May 15

1961 - Bill Wilson's mother, Dr. Emily Strobell, died.

May 16

1941 - Ruth Hock learned that Joe W. (credited with coming up with the name Alcoholics Anonymous) had a "wet brain."

May 17

1942 - The Journal-Herald in Dayton, Ohio, ran a story on A.A. with photos of members in Halloween masks to protect their anonymity.

1942: New Haven, Conn paper has article on AA. Picture shows faces of members sitting in a circle.

May 18

1950 - Dr. Bob told Bill "I reckon we ought to be buried like other folks" after hearing that local A.A.'s wanted a huge memorial.

May 19

2000 - Dr. Paul Ohliger died at the age of 83. His story, "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict," was retitled "Acceptance Was the Answer," in the 4th edition.

May 22

1948 - Atlantic City Group celebrated its second anniversary with Dr. C. Nelson Davis of St. Luke's Hospital, Philadelphia, and other A.A.s speaking.

May 28

1974 - The first World Service meeting of AA outside of America was held in London.

May 29

1980 - "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers," AAWS biography of AA co-founder and a history of early Mid-west AA, was published.

May 31

1938 - Bill and other AA's began writing the Big Book.

Other **May** events for which we have no specific date:

1919: Bill returns home from service.

1935: Bill works with alcoholics, but fails to sober any of them. Lois reminds him HE is still sober.

1938: Bill begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

1939 - Clarence Snyder told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to the Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "A.A." meeting in Cleveland.

1939: Lois W Home Replacement Fund started at Alcoholic Foundation

1942 - Richmond Walker, author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day," had his last drink.

1946 - Long Form of Twelve Traditions was published in the AA Grapevine.

1946 - The AA Grapevine announced: "AA has 6,000 members in 180 groups."

1947 - Avalon, California (Catalina Island Group) was formed.

1948 - The AA Grapevine reported \$2.00 was sent to the General Service headquarters of AA in New York, asking for a bottle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

1949: The first AA meetings in Scotland were held in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

1950: Nell Wing became Bill W's secretary.

1951 - Al-Anon was founded by Lois Wilson and Anne B.

Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He saw a person on the ground and yelled down to him, "Can you help me? I don't know where I am." The man replied, "Sure, I'll help you. You are in a hot air balloon hovering 30 feet above the ground...between 40 and 41 degrees North latitude and between 59 & 60 degrees West longitude." "Wow, you must be an AA sponsor", said the man in the balloon. "I am", said the man, "but what gave me away?" "Well", answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically right but I am still lost. Frankly you're not much help at all and you might even have delayed my trip." "You must be an AA sponsee", replied the man. The man in the balloon was amazed and said, "I am, but how did you know?" The man on the ground said, "Well, you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a lot of hot air. You are expecting other people to solve your problems and the fact is that you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow now IT'S MY FAULT" !

EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS



Potluck Speaker Meeting

7pm May 3rd

3rd & Market St Upstairs

Speaker:

Randy B



Come join us at Alton area's oldest AA meeting, meat will be provided, bring a covered dish

Experience, Strength & Hope

Is having a



POTLUCK DINNER

&

Speaker Meeting

Monday May 22, 2017

Speaker Hable H. (Belleville)

at

Tri-County Church of Christ

120 West 1st Street

Roxana, Illinois

Potluck at 6:00 P.M.

(Bring a Covered Dish or Dessert)

Speaker at 7:00 P.M.

2nd Annual Founders Day Celebration

Saturday, June 10th

Zion Lutheran Church

107 W. Elm St. Gillespie, IL 62033

(In the Gymnasium)

BBQ, sides and dessert @ noon

Bill W. (AA) and Mary W. (Al-Anon) from

Edwardsville will be speaking @ 1:00

\$7 suggested donation

Monday Night Serenity Al-Anon Family Group Speaker Meeting

When

May 29, 2017
From 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Speakers

Debbie B. (Al-Anon)
Edwardsville, IL.

Robert K. (AA)
Collinsville, IL

Where

First Christian Church
310 S. Main Street
Edwardsville, IL. 62025
Sanctuary

Refreshments offered



**7TH ANNUAL
HIGHLAND PICNIC
SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2017
SILVER LAKE PARK MAIN PAVILION
FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT 11:00
EAT AT 12:00
SPEAKER AT 1:00
MEAT PROVIDED
BRING A DISH
BRING THE KIDS
FUN / GAMES / MUSIC / 50/50**

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!

1st ANNUAL METRO-EAST BANQUET Saturday August 5th, 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 or
Adam W. (618)520-1344 – epenguin68@gmail.com



Please send in announcements for June by May 25th ☺ to
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. The subject line in the email should have "where and when".
- District website meeting changes need to be emailed to 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.