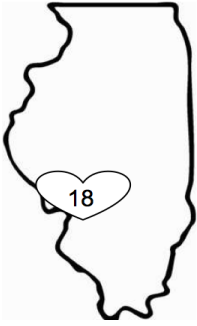


# District 18 Newsletter



# A Vision for Us

January 2018

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
JAN 10	7:30pm	Dave G. Celebrates 24 Years	Bunker Hill	114 S Washington St, Bunker Hill



Please send in announcements for February by January 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.

## January In AA's History

### January 1

- 1946: The A.A. Grapevine increased the cost of a year's subscription to \$2.50.
- 1948: Columbus Dispatch reported first anniversary of Central Ohio A.A. Group.
- 1948: First A.A. meeting was held in Japan, English speaking.
- 1988: West Virginia A.A. began the first statewide toll-free telephone hotline.

### January 2

- 1889: Bridget Della Mary Gavin (Sister Ignatia) was born in Ireland.
- 2003: Mid-Southern California Archives moved to new location in Riverside.

### January 3

- 1939: First sale of Works Publishing Co. stock was recorded.
- 1941: Jack Alexander told Bill W. the Oxford Group would be in his Saturday Evening Post article on A.A.

### January 4

- 1939: Dr. Bob stated in a letter to Ruth Hock that A.A. had to get away from the Oxford Group atmosphere.
- 1940: First A.A. group was founded in Detroit, Michigan.
- 1941: Bill and Lois W. drove to Bedford Hills, NY, to see Stepping Stones and broke in through an unlocked window.

### January 5

- 1941: Bill and Lois visited Bedford Hills again.
- 1941: Bill W. told Jack Alexander that Jack was "the toast of A.A. — in Coca Cola, of course."

### January 6

- 2000: Stephen P., compiler of the Concordance to Alcoholics Anonymous, died.

### January 8

- 1938: New York A.A. split from the Oxford Group.

### **January 12**

**1943:** Press reported the first A.A. group in Pontiac, Michigan.

### **January 13**

**1988:** Jack Norris, M.D., Chairman/Trustees of A.A. for 27 yrs. died.

**2003:** Dr. Earle M., author of *Physician Heal Thyself*, sober 9 years, died

### **January 15**

**1941:** A.A. Bulletin No. 2 reported St. Louis group had ten members.

**1941:** Bill W. asked Ruth Hock to get him "spook book,"

The Unobstructed Universe.

**1945:** First A.A. meeting held in Springfield, Missouri.

**1948:** Polk Health Center Alcoholic Clinic for Negroes started operations with 14 willing subjects. The Washington Black Group of A.A. cooperated with the clinic.

### **January 17**

**1919:** 18th amendment, "Prohibition," became law.

### **January 19**

**1940:** First A.A. group met in Detroit, Mich.

**1943:** Canadian newspaper reported eight men met at "Little Denmark," a Toronto restaurant, to discuss starting Canada's first A.A. group.

**1999:** Frank M., A.A. Archivist since 1983, died.

### **January 20**

**1954:** Hank P., author of *The Unbeliever* in the first edition of the Big Book, died in Pennington, NJ.

### **January 21**

**1951:** A.A. Grapevine published memorial issue on Dr. Bob.

### **January 23**

**1961:** Bill W. sent an appreciation letter, which he considered long-overdue, to Dr. Carl Jung for his contribution to A.A.

### **January 24**

**1918:** Bill W. and Lois Burnham were married, days before he was sent to Europe in WW I, weeks after sending a postcard to Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa, saying he wanted to live long enough to see Hughes become President.

**1971:** At the age of 75, Bill W. dies at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, Florida.

### **January 25**

**1915:** Dr. Bob S. married Anne Ripley.

### **January 26**

**1971:** *New York Times* published Bill's obituary on page 1.

### **January 27**

**1971:** The Washington Post published an obituary of Bill W. written by Donald Graham, son of the owner of the Washington Post.

### **January 30**

**1961:** Dr. Carl Jung answers Bill's letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum." (high spirit counters low spirit)

### **Other significant things that happened in January (no specific date available):**

**1938:** Jim B., author of *The Vicious Cycle*, a former atheist, gave A.A. "God as we understand Him."

**1940:** First AA meeting not in a home meets at Kings School, Akron, Ohio.

**1942:** *Drunks are Square Pegs* was published.

**1951:** The A.A. Grapevine published a memorial issue on Dr. Bob.

**1952:** The Arrival of Al-Anon - In loosely organized Family Groups, loved ones of A.A. members had gathered together and shared their experiences since the Fellowship's earliest days. At Bill W.'s urging, his wife Lois moves to create a separate fellowship that will formalize these meetings. With Anne B., who had initiated a Family Group in Westchester County, New York, Lois sends a letter to 87 such groups suggesting that they unite under the name of Al-Anon. The response is positive, and Al-Anon Family Groups is born. Lois and Anne shift the growing organization's office from Stepping Stones to the 24th Street Clubhouse in Manhattan.

**1984:** *Pass It On*, the story of Bill W. and how the A.A. message reached the world, was published.

# *Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness*

## Ladies Night Out

The other night I was invited out for a night with the 'girls.' I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, 'I promise!'

Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easily. Around 3 a.m., a bit loaded, I headed for home.

Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed 3 times. Quickly, realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him.

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, I told him 'MIDNIGHT'... he didn't seem pissed off in the least. Whew, I got away with that one! Then he said 'We need a new cuckoo clock.'

When I asked him why, he said, 'Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said 'oh shit.' Cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.'



**Serenity**  
is not freedom from the storm  
but peace  
amid the storm