

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**

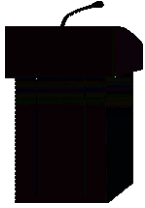


***Celebration Date    What's Happening    Group    Location***

THU 2/1 @ 8PM	Valerie B. Celebrates 6 Years	Litchfield Triangle	First Baptist Church 608 N Van Buren St, Litchfield
THU 2/1 @ 7PM	Britney V. Celebrates 1 Year	Sisters In Sobriety	First Christian Church, Lower Level 724 E Bethalto Blvd, Bethalto
WED 2/7 @ 7:30PM	Armond Celebrates 43 Years	Bunker Hill Big Book	History Museum (rear entrance) 114 S Washington St, Bunker Hill
WED 2/7 @ 8PM	Steve W. Celebrates 32 Years	New Living	Community Center 104 S Main St, New Douglas
SAT 2/10 @ 5:30PM	Keesa P. Celebrates 8 Years	Happy Hour	Church of Christ 228 N 6th St, Wood River
THU 2/15 @ 7:30PM	Danine D. Celebrates 9 Years	Thursday Night Open	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 186 Summit Ave, Glen Carbon
SAT 2/17 @ 7:30PM	Jane C. Celebrates 12 Years	Saturday Night Library	St. Mary's School Cafeteria 1802 Madison Ave, Edwardsville
FRI 2/23 @ 6PM	Brenda D. Celebrates 24 Years Dennis R. Celebrates 4 Years Rhonda D. Celebrates 3 Years	Alton Friday Night	Upper Alton Baptist Church, Peck Bldg 2726 College Ave, Alton
MON 2/26 @ 7PM	Steve R. Celebrates 7 Years	Experience, Strength, & Hope	New Hope Baptist Church 400 North Center Street, East Alton



Please send in announcements for March by February 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.



# SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS



<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
THU 2/1	Debbie G. from Girard Speaking @ 8PM	Litchfield Triangle	First Baptist Church 608 N Van Buren St, Litchfield
MON 2/19	Speaker TBA @ 7:30PM	Primary Purpose	CSO District 18 409 Broadway Ave, South Roxana
THU 2/22	Eat& Speak Pizza @ 6PM Lisa N. Speaking @ 7PM	Sisters In Sobriety	First Christian Church, Lower Level 724 E Bethalto Blvd, Bethalto

## MEETING CHANGES?

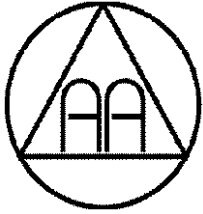
Who do we inform to ensure that meeting listings in the where and when and the district website are up to date and accurate?

- 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)

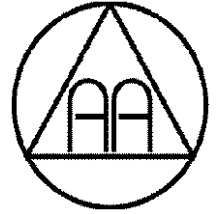
We thank these gentlemen for their service as our meetings are constantly changing, so there is a lot to keep up with.

## 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.
- 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** 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***

**Marty wakes up at home with a huge hangover. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table.**

**He sits down and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed.**

**Marty looks around the room and sees that it's in perfect order, spotless, clean. So is the rest of the house.**

**He takes the aspirins and notices a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love You!"**

**So he goes to the kitchen and sure enough, there IS a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper.**

**His son is also at the table, eating. Marty asks, "Son, what happened last night?"**

**His son says, "Well Dad, you came home after 3 AM, drunk and delirious! Broke some furniture, puked in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door!"**

**Confused, Marty asks, "So, why is everything in order and so clean, with breakfast on the table waiting for me?"**

**His son replies, "Oh, that! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you said, "Lady, leave me alone, I'm married!"**

## **EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS**

# GREAT RIVER ROUNDUP

[www.GreatRiverRoundup.com](http://www.GreatRiverRoundup.com)

PERE MARQUETTE LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER  
MARCH 2ND & 3RD 2018



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2018

- 2ND** 1:00PM Roundup Check-In
- 3:00PM AA Stick Meeting
- 8PM** AA SPEAKER  
TARA R. STUART, FL
- 10:00PM Red Ball Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2018

- 3RD** 10AM AA SPEAKER  
DOMINIC D. ST. LOUIS, MO
- 1:30PM AL-ANON SPEAKER  
KATHRYN C. ATLANTA, GA
- 3:30PM Discussion Meeting
- 6:30PM Banquet
- 8PM** AA SPEAKER  
ADAM T. LOS ANGELES, CA
- 10:00PM Dance

## “Gratitude In Action”



Lodge reservations are separate of the **Great River Roundup**. Hotel room and cabin reservations may be made by contacting: **Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference**, Route 100, Grafton, IL 62037, 618.786.2331

When inquiring about rooms be sure to tell the lodge that you are with the **Great River Roundup**

**Other Lodging in Area:**  
Ruebel Hotel: 618.786.2315  
Tara Point Inn & Cottages: 618.786.3555

All on-line and mailed registrations **MUST BE** received by **February, 25th, 2018**. Banquet seating is on a first come first serve basis and is limited to 192.

**For more information call:**  
Ryan @ 618.823.7499,  
Nina @ 618.514.3953,  
or Jason @ 618.623.5875

Sign language interpreter for people who are hard of hearing or Deaf available if requested by 02/01/18.

### 2018 Great River Roundup - Registration Form

This event is hosted by the Great River Roundup Committee. Banquet seating is assigned. If you wish to sit together YOU MUST register together. The cutoff time for banquet registration is Friday, March 2nd at 12pm. We encourage you to register as soon as possible to ensure banquet seating. Send registration and payment to: **Great River Roundup - P.O. Box 522, Wood River, IL 62095** or Register Online at [www.GreatRiverRoundup.com](http://www.GreatRiverRoundup.com).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION \$20.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET \$20.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_