

S.O.S Sheets of Sobriety



June Edition 2018

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History

Notable June Dates In A.A. History

June 10,1935 - The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA.

June 28,1935 - Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson (AA #3), at Akron's City Hospital.

1940 - First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.

1940 - The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.

1940 - One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.

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

1941 - The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.

1944 - The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.

1945 - 2500 attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.

1948 - A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit, Wisconsin, Public Library by a local AA member.

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.

1981 - AA in Switzerland held its 25th Anniversary Convention with Lois Wilson and Nell Wing in attendance.

2000 - More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.

Notable Deaths

June 1, 1949 - Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.

New Area Meetings

NEW INDIANAPOLIS ASL MEETING

PHOENIX NEWCOMERS GROUP

FRIDAY 6:45 PM

8600 COLLEGE AVENUE

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46240

New Suburban North Meeting

Morse Lake Sink Or Swim

Tuesday Night 7-8 PM

St. Michael's House

333 Main Street

Cicero, IN. 46034

Monthly Meeting Format

1st Tues: Big Book Story

2nd Tues: 12&12 Step (Corresponding to the month)

3rd Tues: 12&12 Tradition (Corresponding to the month)

4th Tues: Open Discussion

5th Tues: Chairperson Choice (AA Approved Literature)



SERIOUSLY SICK ON THE HILL CAMPOUT

June 1, 2018 – June 3, 2018 all-day

Franklin County Park

Brookville IN 47012 [See Flyer](#)

The Ultimate Weekend

June 1, 2018 – June 3, 2018 all-day

Waycross Conference Center

Morgantown, IN 46160

COST: \$250.00 [See Flyer](#)

SEX, DRUGS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Traditions Workshop - June 16, 2018 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

West Side Way Out Club

6450 W 10th St

Indianapolis, IN 46214

Founders Day 2018

June 16, 2018 @ 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

8540 E 16th St

Indianapolis, IN 46219

COST: \$25.00 [See Flyer](#)

Open Hand 31st Anniversary

June 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saint Andrews Church

2560 Villa Ave

Indianapolis, IN 46203

Bring your favorite side dish! [See Flyer](#)

Indianapolis Intergroup Picnic

June 23, 2018 @ 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Garfield Park

2345 Pagoda Dr

Indianapolis, IN 46203 COST: \$5.00 [See Flyer](#)

Down Home Group 22nd Anniversary Pitch-In Dinner

June 23, 2018 @ 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Pittsboro Christian Church

216 N Maple St

Pittsboro, IN 46167

Bring a covered dish to share! [See Flyer](#)

Block Party@Progress House

June 30, 2018 @ 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Progress House

201 Shelby St

Indianapolis, IN 46202

\$5 ticket / food ticket \$3 [See Flyer](#)

District and Area Meeting Schedule

DISTRICT 34 MONTHLY MEETING

June 2, 2018 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Southport United Methodist Church
1947 E Southport Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

DISTRICT 38 GSR MEETING

June 9, 2018 @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am
St Thomas Catholic Church
4625 N Kenwood Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46208

DISTRICT 36 A/B MONTHLY MEETING

June 10, 2018 @ 5:30 pm
West Side Club
4939 W Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46241

DISTRICT 24 MEETING

June 12, 2018 @ 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm
Carvel Club
4627 Carvel Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205

DISTRICT 22 MEETING

June 28, 2018 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 East 106th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46280



Committee Announcements

Indianapolis Intergroup Sunday Open House

June 10, 2018 @ 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Central Office

1915 W 18th St

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Marion County Jail Volunteer Orientation

June 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Central Office

1915 W 18th St

Indianapolis, IN 46202

What is Intergroup?

Indianapolis Intergroup consists of 12 standing and 1 service committee listed below.

- **Special Events Committee** – Coordinates, publicizes and documents all special events throughout the year for the use of the Committee in following years, such as the Annual Banquet.
 - **Correctional Facilities Committee** – Coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups who carry the message of recovery to alcoholics in correctional facilities.
 - **Treatment Facilities Committee** – Coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups who carry the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers. Arranges volunteer groups to attend scheduled A.A. meetings.
 - **Telephone Answering Committee** – Coordinates individual A.A. members to answer telephone calls on their personal phones when the Indianapolis Intergroup office is closed.
 - **Public Information Committee** – (School Talks) Carries the A.A. message to the Indianapolis and surrounding communities through school, news media, civic groups, business organizations, clergymen, doctors, alcoholic treatment centers, hospitals, judges, and court programs. Handles requests by area schools, the media, and civic and business groups. Provides individual members to staff health fair booths and other entities as they may appear.
 - **Sheet Of Sobriety (S.O.S.) Committee** – Assembles articles and submissions for publication from Indianapolis A.A. Members, Intergroup Committee Chairs, and the Central Office Manager for the monthly newsletter, Sheets Of Sobriety (S.O.S.). Publications provided digitally via email subscription and on the www.indyaa.org, both free of charge.
 - **Finance Committee** – Reviews and oversees pertinent financial concerns, budgets, and accounting.
 - **Nominating Committee** – Seeks out individual A.A. members to stand for election on the Service Committee.
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- **Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee** – Acts as a liaison between the professional community and Alcoholics Anonymous to further public awareness.
- **Development Committee** – Develops greater group representation at the monthly intergroup meetings.
- **Archives Committee** – Collects, categorizes, displays, and protects the historical A.A. documents and memorabilia of Indianapolis Intergroup.
- **Accessibilities Committee** – Makes A.A. available to Special Needs A.A. members, i.e. blind, visually impaired, deaf, confined to beds, or wheel chairs. Provide A.A. literature printed in Braille, large print or on CD. Locates interpreters in American Sign Language. Recruits A.A. members to take meetings into nursing and rest homes, etc.
- **Service Committee**- Includes Representatives for the four designated areas of town (North, East, South, West), the Intergroup Chair, Co-Chair and the Service Committee Chair. The Central Office Manager is an ex-officio member.



Entirely Ready

Step six for me was all about willingness. Once I chose to clean up my act, to change the way I was living, both spiritually and physically, the obsession to drink at once diminished. My mind was occupied now by thoughts of improving myself, of being a better person, of living a more complete and useful life. It was no longer about being selfish and self-centered, worrying only about my wants and desires. I was willing to make the changes to myself, to repair the defects of characters that I discovered through my 4th step inventory. I made a decision, that I WAS entirely ready, to let go of the bad, in order to give the good a place to grow. I became entirely ready and willing to shed those defects in order to become a better person, and to allow the spiritual growth to begin.

By: Anonymous

Sharing

Sharing experiences with each other is one of the greatest positive attributes of the A.A. Fellowship. I know that I almost always hear something shared at every meeting that sinks in or makes me look at things a little different. It does not matter if the words are spoken by an old-timer or a newcomer to the fellowship, we all have something in us that can make the difference to another. By sharing our experience, strength, and hope with others, we help them to stay sober and give ourselves a little boost against having another drink. It is through sharing that the fellowship works to help one another maintain sobriety.

By: Anonymous



Not A Glum Lot

S.O.S Funnies

A man is pulled over by a police officer for a broken headlight. The cop looks in the car and sees a collection of knives on the back seat. “Sir,”

he says, “Why do you have all those knives?”

“They’re for my juggling act,” the man replies.

“Prove it,” says the cop.

The man gets out of the car and begins juggling the knives just as two men drive by.

“Man,” says one guy, “I’m glad I quit drinking. These new sobriety tests are hard.”

Warnings That Should Be On Labels

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like an idiot.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you definitely are not.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol has been known to cause people to begin thaying shings like thish.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that your ex-lover is dying for your phone call at four o'clock in the morning.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what happened to your pants.



TOPIC

Topic Suggestion for July

"Humility"

Step 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Share your Experience, Strength, and Hope regarding Step 7 for the July Edition of S.O.S.

****Submissions are not limited to the suggested topic and we encourage you to write about any topic as it relates to Alcoholism for any month.****

Submissions for July Edition are due by June 25th. Any submissions received after June 25th will be included in the August Edition.

Please submit to sos@indyaa.org and title your email "Newsletter Submission".

Please keep all submission around 700 words or less.

Include a title for your submission where applicable. If no title is included, we may provide one for you.

If you wish to be published anonymously, DO NOT include your name in your document and please write "post anonymously" in your email submission to SOS.

If you wish for your name or initials to be published, please write it at the end of your submitted document exactly as you would like it published. If no indication of intent has been made, your submission will automatically be

posted anonymously.

Please note, only first names, first name and last initial, or initials only, will ever be published. We will never post last names even if you submit them.

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