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Bill W's Sponsor: Ebby

Ebby Thacher was born on April 29, 1896, in Albany, NY, six months after his sponsee-to-be, Bill Wilson. Ebby and Bill first became friends in 1911 while students at Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester, VT., located five blocks south of Bill's home in East Dorset.

Ebby's first beer was at nineteen while a student at the Albany Academy. Within a year he was ousted from the Academy due to his drinking. He then took a position in his father's foundry, which manufactured wheels for the NY Central RR.

Several Albany mayors came from the well-to-do Thacher family, including Ebby's older brother, Jack. Jack made a run for NY Governor in 1932 when that office was about to be vacated due to FDRs being elected US President.

Ebby's increasing drinking scrapes with the law were detrimental to Jack's political career, so it was thought that he best take residence in nearby Manchester, VT, in the family 'summer cottage.' Ebby's drinking resulted in two more arrests in Manchester (only \$5.00 & costs), but the third scrape (shooting pigeons from his yard) threatened him with six months confinement in Brattoboro Asylum.

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This was late summer of 1934. Fortunately, three influential Oxford Group friends, Cebra Graves, Shep Cornell and Rowland Hazard, went to court and got him off the hook.

Soon thereafter, he became a sober resident of the Calvary Mission in lower Manhattan. Ebby seemed to have found a release from alcohol. He made a formal Oxford Group 'surrender' at the Calvary Mission, which lasted till April of 1937.

Exhilarated with his newfound sobriety, he tried to carry his gift to his old friend Bill Wilson who was in dire shakes indeed! Bill's doctor (Silkworth) decreed that he would have a wet brain or die within a year. So, on a bleak November day of 1934, Ebby related to Bill of his spiritual release, to which Bill thought: "My gin will outlast his preaching." But it didn't outlast the memory of one drunk sharing honestly with another. On December 11th, 1934, Bill took his last drink at the entrance to Town's Hospital.

Ebby lived thirty-one years after carrying his message to Bill. He was periodically sober, on and off, about half of those years. He died on March 31st, 1966, with two-and-a-half years sobriety at McPikes Farm in upstate NY. He was seventy years old.

Bill forever afterward considered Ebby Thacher as his sponsor; I think of Ebby as being a Grand Sponsor, of sorts, for all the rest of us, as well!

Bob S.

Special Events 2012

Sunday, April 29th, 2012

9 am - 11am

66th Annual AA Anniversary Breakfast

Quality Inn (Formally Holiday Inn)

5501 National Rd. East, Richmond, Indiana

47374

8:00 am: Fellowship, 9:00 am: All you can eat
Breakfast

Speaker: Dennis L., Greendale, IN

Donation: : \$15.00

For tickets please contact:

Barb A. (765) 966-8702

Mike H. (765) 647-1241

Randy B. (765) 332-2084

April 14, 2012 , 6 PM-9 PM

Franklin Serenity Group Presents:

Serenity Spring Fling

550 E Jefferson St.

Franklin, IN 46131

Speaker:

Robert S

Please bring a covered dish, and come join us for really good fellowship at 6pm, food at 7pm, and speaker at 8pm.

Contact Jason B: 317-847-2746

**Special Events
2012**

April 14, 2012 - Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Dillman Group 57th Anniversary Dinner

Dinner Served : 7:00, Speaker Meeting: 8:00,
Ellenberger Church, 5510 E 10th St., Indianapolis, IN

April 21, 2012- Saturday from 1-4

Franklin Serenity Group Presents: *Serenity Spring Fling!!*

Fellowship at 6 Dinner at 7 Speaker at 8
In the Alva Neal Building, 550 E Jefferson St., Franklin In, 46131

April 14, 2012 - Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Road to Serenity Group 29th Anniversary Dinner

Fellowship: 6:00, Dinner Served: 6:30, Speaker Meeting: 7:30
Danville Christian Church 180 E Main St. Danville, IN

April 15, 2012- Sunday from 9am - 3pm

Area 23 Pre-Conference Assembly

Columbus Fellowship Hall
725 Jonesville Road, Columbus, IN 47201

April 21, 2012 - Saturday @ 6:30 PM

Indianapolis Intergroup Quarterly Dinner

Hosted by South and Suburban South Service Committee Reps
6:30 . 7:00PM Fellowship 7:00PM - 8:00PM Dinner 8:00PM Speaker - TBA
Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

April 21, 2012- Saturday from 1-4

District 28 Annual Homegroup Workshop

St Alban's Church, 4601 N Emerson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46226

April 27, 2012 - Saturday @ 6:30 PM

40th Anniversary of the Friday Night 12&12 Discussion Group

Northview Church 46th & Central, Indianapolis, IN

For more information on these and other events, see the Intergroup Web site at
www.indyaa.org/events/october.htm

Become a Faithful Fiver

Remember wasting more than \$5 drinking? Why not contribute \$5 to carry the message?

Faithful Fivers are A. A. members who donate \$5 or more per month to help support Indianapolis Intergroup.

Become a Faithful Fiver. Your contribution will help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous

Indianapolis Intergroup Faithful Fiver Form Date _____

YES, I want to help continue to carry our life-saving message of hope.

I will contribute: __Annually (\$60) __Quarterly (\$15) __Monthly (\$5)

Please send email reminder to this email address:

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ for _____Months

Name _____

Address _____

City, State,
Zip _____

Phone
number _____

Please make check payable to: Indianapolis Intergroup
136 E. Market Street, # 1030
Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 632-7864

When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.

Language of the Heart----Bill W.



April Birthdays

- (3) Teresa B.
- (3) Marvin R.
- (4) Dollie N.
- (4) Matthew C.
- (4) John K.
- (4) Tracy D.
- (6) Ray S.
- (6) Michelle K.
- (9) Sam F.
- (17) Bonnie L.
- (17) Scott A.
- (20) Marty B.
- (25) Barbara L.
- (26) Sharon B.
- (32) Marge B.-M.
- (32) Mary M.
- (37) LuAnn
- (38) Cornelius S.

Service is the Secret

In Need: The Development Committee is in need of a co-chair as well as more committee members to help with the task of contacting the groups that meet in the Indianapolis Inter-group coverage area.



Please Answer: The Telephone Answering Service is in need of AAs to answer the phone from 4:30 pm to 11:00 pm week-days and varying 4 hour shifts on the weekends. As a volunteer you may have a monthly commitment or be called upon to fill in occasionally. To sign up, e-mail: indytas@gmail.com or call Central Office at 632-7864. A member once said, "This is the only service work you can do in your underwear."

Sober Alcoholics Go to Jail Too! And they like it... Well the ones that are going there to carry the message do! Your group can sign up early and often to cover the scheduled fifth tradition meetings listed below. For more information call central office at 317-632-7864 or e-mail intergroupmail@indyaa.org.

Our Fifth Tradition States: Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Our Indianapolis Intergroup has a Fifth Traditions Schedule of meetings in correctional facilities, treatment centers and other institutions to do just that.

Correction Coverage

Liberty Hall Women -Thursday at 6:30
 Marion County Jail Men - Monday at 8
 Marion County Jail Women - Wednesday
 at 8
 Marion County Jail II Men -Tuesday at
 6:30
 Duvall Men's Residence -Wednesday at 8
 Morgan County Men's 1st and 3rd
 Monday at 7

Some facilities do require clearance before attending the meeting. For more information or to sign up your group call Central Office at: 317-632-7864.

Treatment Coverage

Larue Carter -Wednesday at 6
 Larue Carter - Sunday at 7
 Blue Triangle Hall - Thursday at 7
 Blue Triangle Hall - Friday at 7
 Julian Center for Women - Saturday at 8
 Valle Vista Greenwood - Monday at 7
 Methodist Hospital - Sunday at 10
 Salvation Army Harbor Lights - Thursday at 8
 Salvation Army Harbor Lights - Tuesday at 8
 Gallahue Mental Health Center Wednesday at
 5:30
 Partners In Housing - Tuesday at 6

Sign your group up at Intergroup Sunday or call Central Office at 632-7864.

When Anyone, Anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there... for that, I am responsible.



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