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**AREA 09  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 05** — Sunday  
**Pre-Conference**  
District 5
- May 17** — Sunday  
**ASSEMBLY—DEL SHARE**  
District 18
- June 14**—Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 3
- July 12**—Sunday  
**FORO**  
District 22 & 9
- August 09**—Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 2
- September 13**—Sunday  
**ASSEMBLY**  
District 12
- October 11**— Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 14
- November 15**—Saturday  
**SERVATHON**  
District 25
- December 11**—Sunday  
Area Service Committee  
District 4



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## **A.A. HISTORY APRIL**

### **April 1**

**1939** - Alcoholics Anonymous' Big Book was published.

**1940** - Larry J. of Houston wrote The Texas Preamble used to open A.A. meetings in Texas.

**1966** - Sister Ignatia died at the age of 77. She worked with Dr. Bob treating many early A.A. members at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron.

**1970** - GSO moved to 468 Park Ave. South, NYC.

**1984** - 12 Coconuts Group, Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, Hawaii, was founded.

### **April 2**

**1966** - Harry Tiebout, M.D. died.

### **April 3**

**1941** - First Florida A.A. meeting was held.

**1960** - Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J., died (Bill W.'s "spiritual sponsor").

### **April 4**

**1960** - The Chicago Daily News reported that Fr. Edward Dowling, Jesuit Priest who helped start the first A.A. group in St. Louis, had died at age 62.

### **April 7**

**1941**- Ruth Hock reported 1,500 letters asking for help, as a result of the Saturday Evening Post Article by Jack Alexander. She answered the letters.

### **April 10**

**1939** - The first ten copies of the Big Book arrived at the office and Bill W. shared them with Hank Parkhurst in Newark, New Jersey.

### **April 11**

**1938** - Alcoholic Foundation held its first meeting.

**1939** - Marty Mann attended her first meeting at home of Bill and Lois Wilson in Brooklyn.

**1941** - Bill and Lois Wilson moved into their new home, Stepping Stones.



“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”

..... Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions.

Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. This was **Step Four**. A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade.

One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret. If the owner of the business is to be successful, he cannot fool himself about values.

We did exactly the same thing with our lives. We took stock honestly. First, we searched out the flaws in our make- up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self, manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we considered its common manifestations.

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, PAGE 64

**At the Expense of Others**

*"I'm an alcoholic--and a drug addict."*

*"I have to say this--for me."*

*"I know this is a meeting of*

*Alcoholics Anonymous but. . ." I used to think I had to share about my drug use. After all, AA teaches us to be rigorously honest, doesn't it? And as a younger person in AA, I was different than a lot of the older, "pure" alcoholics, wasn't I? Nobody is going to tell me what to say. Nobody did, either. (A couple of old-timers took me aside after the meetings to talk about this, but I dismissed them.)*

One night, I was talking in the parking lot after a meeting of my home group. As the people cleared out, I realized there were just two of us left--myself and a newcomer. He was in his sixties. We got to talking and he actually seemed to be listening to me! I really felt amazed that a man old enough to be my grandfather would listen to me about anything, and especially about AA.

The meeting that night had been on Step One and many people, including me, recalled their use of drugs (some in great detail). (We) began to talk about the meeting and then he dropped a bombshell on me. He didn't think he qualified to be an alcoholic because he hadn't used any drugs!

**April 12**

**1942 – Ontario, Canada** Windsor Daily Star reported over 400 A.A.'s attended a testimonial dinner for Dr. Bob. with Bill Wilson as guest speaker.

**April 16**

**1940 -** A sober Rollie Helmsley caught the only opening day no-hitter in baseball history since 1909.

**1973 –** Jack Norris, MD and Chairman -- A.A. General Service Board, presented President Richard Nixon with the one-millionth copy of the Big Book at the White House.

**2005 -** Nancy Flynn (Independent Blond) died in Kennett Square, PA

**April 17**

**1941 –** Second group in Los Angeles, "Hole in the Ground" was formed.

**April 19**

**1940 -** First A.A. group in Little Rock, Arkansas was formed.

**April 22**

**1940 -** Bill Wilson transferred his Works Publishing Stock to the Alcoholic Foundation. The date Hank Parkhurst transferred his stock is uncertain.

**April 23**

**1940 -** Dr. Bob wrote to the Trustees to refuse Big Book royalties, but Bill Wilson insisted on them for Dr. Bob and Anne.

**April 24**

**1989 -** Dr. Leonard Strong died – Bill's brother-in-law and an A.A. Trustee.

**1940 -** The first pamphlet, "A.A." was published.

**April 25**

**1939 -** Morgan R. interviewed on the Gabriel Heatter radio show.

**1951 -** A.A.'s first General Service Conference was held.

**April 26**

**1939 -** Bill and Lois Wilson moved in with Hank Parkhurst after the bank foreclosed on 182 Clinton St. The first of over 50 moves before they acquired Stepping Stones.

Here was a man who drank for more years than I have been alive (most of them, by his account, alcoholically), yet he didn't feel like he belonged in AA. And we were supposedly talking about alcoholism!

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking ... there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober.

Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but were the details worth it at the possible expense of others?

I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it narrower. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

I guess I started to think just a little more about other people than I did about myself. So that's why some groups are so concerned about AA's singleness of purpose--some groups in my area even read a statement of singleness of purpose before their meetings. It isn't just to be tedious and nitpicky and to "bust chops," especially the chops of young people. It is so all alcoholics can feel that they belong once they get to AA.

- J. H., Dover, Pennsylvania  
AA Grapevine, March 1992, Vol.48 No. 10



*"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole".*

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

## A.A. HISTORY APRIL... continued

### **April 30**

**1989** -The film "My Name is Bill W.," a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, was broadcast @ 9 p.m. on ABC TV.

### **April without specific dates:**

**1935** - Dr. Silkworth told Bill to quit preaching at drunks and tell them of obsession and allergy.

**1940** - The "Texas Preamble" used to open meetings in Texas, was written by Larry J. of Houston.

**1950** - Saturday Evening Post article "The Drunkard's Best Friend" by Jack Alexander.

**1958** - The word "Honest" was dropped from "an honest desire to stop drinking," in the A.A. Preamble.

**1960** - Bill Wilson refused to be on the cover of Time Magazine.

**1966** - Change in ratio of trustees of the General Service Board; now two thirds (majority) are alcoholic.

**1988** - Cybil C., first woman member in Los Angeles and archivist, died.

## **Concept 4**

*At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

***Believe more deeply.  
Hold your face up to  
the light, even though  
for the moment you  
do not see.***

~ Bill Wilson, co-founder  
Alcoholics Anonymous