



District 48

Monthly Newsletter

December 2017

Greater Williamsport Area Alcoholics Anonymous OUR THREE LEGACIES

Step 12 – “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

Tradition 12 – “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

Concept 12 – “The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never become the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Welcome to the District 48 December Newsletter

Hard copies of the D48 newsletter will be made available to all GSRs at the monthly district meeting for distribution to your individual meetings. The newsletter is also posted on the district website, district48aa.org, where it can be viewed or printed to share.

In order for this newsletter to become a viable and relevant communication vehicle that shares positive news of Recovery among us – **we suggest you be an active participant**. Spread the news of what’s working in your meeting, home group and life. Email newsletter@district48aa.org

This Month in AA History

- Dec 1** 1940 – Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Nall Hamilton.
 - Dec 10** 1975 – Birds of a Feather AA group for pilots is formed.
 - Dec 11** 1934 – Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time (fall '33, '34 in summer, midsummer and final admittance).
 - Dec 11** 1941 – Dallas Morning News reports first AA group formed in Dallas.
 - Dec 12** 1934 – Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital.
 - Dec 13 or 14** 1934 – Ebby visits Bill at Towns hospital, brings William James’ book, Varieties of Religious Experience.
- Other December happenings with no specific date:**
Dec 1934 to May 1935 – Bill works with alcoholics, but fails to sober any of them. Lois reminds him HE is sober.
Dec 1938 – Twelve Steps written

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MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

Sunday @ 3p.m.

Alternative MC Clubhouse
2018 W. 4th Street, Williamsport

Wednesday @ 1:15PM

Boomerang Meeting O, T, CP, D, SP

New Covenant Church of Christ
202 E. Third St., Williamsport
(Academy St. Entrance)

Jersey Shore Step Mtg.

Thursday @ 7PM

Trinity UMC
1407 Allegheny St., Jersey Shore

New Freedom Group

Friday @ 7PM

Alternative MC Clubhouse
2018 W. 4th Street, Williamsport

Rewards of Sobriety

Saturday, 7PM – Penn College
Especially Need Old-Timers
Bush Campus Center, Rm. 164
1 College Ave, Williamsport

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Registration Forms & Flyers @
www.district48aa.org



Each Day is a gift exchange.

I give and I will receive.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December 3 rd	Claude	20 years
December 6 th	George H.	40 years
December 24 th	John K	14 years
December 25 th	Brandi W	1 year
December 26 th	Patrick C	2 years
December 28 th	Deana H	1 year

WE ALL HAVE TODAY

Would you like your anniversary listed in the newsletter?

Simply email: newsletter@district48aa.org

GSR's - Please submit current Home Group lists

New Year's Eve Party

*Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
1400 Market St., Williamsport
8-12:30 p.m.
Fun, Food and Fellowship!*

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Solution
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Every
Problem
Sober

The Oxford Group and the 4 Absolutes

The Oxford Group influenced the structure of Alcoholic Anonymous.

AA's suggested steps of recovery came from a first century Christian fellowship, founded in 1921 by a Lutheran Minister, Dr. Frank Buchman and Rev. Samuel Shoemaker. This fellowship changed its name to the Oxford Group in 1928.

The Oxford Group had 4 absolutes:

- ❖ Absolute Honesty
- ❖ Absolute Purity
- ❖ Absolute Unselfishness
- ❖ Absolute Love

Many men and women found recovery from alcoholism in the Oxford Group.

To be spiritually reborn and to live in the state in which these 4 points are the guides to our life in God. The Oxford Group advocate four practical spiritual activities:

1. The sharing of our sins and temptations with another Christian life given to God and to use sharing as witness to help others, still unchanged, to recognize and acknowledge their sins.
2. The surrender of our life, past, present and future, into God's keeping and direction.
3. Restitution to all whom we have wronged directly or indirectly.
4. Listening to, accepting, relying on God's guidance and carrying it out in everything we do or say, great or small.

32nd Annual Candlelight Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th
First United Methodist Church
602 South Market St, Muncy
Food & Fellowship 6-7:15p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Speaker – Diana B.



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