

Straight Talk

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U of M Medical Center

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May - June 2018

“Living In The Solution!”



GOPHER STATE
ROUNDUP XLV
MAY 25, 26 and 27, 2018



Activities and Accommodations at:
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel,
Highway 100 & 494, Bloomington, MN

MEETINGS • SPEAKERS • FELLOWSHIP • HOSPITALITY ROOMS • A.A. FILMS

REGISTRATION – \$20.00 Contribution (ages 13 & over)

Visit www.gopherstateroundup.org for registration

For the past 45 years AA at St. Mary's Rehab/aka Fairview Riverside/aka UofM Hospitals/ aka M Health has hosted a hospitality room at Gopher State RoundUp—Join us in Room 115 for food—fellowship—good vibes!

“Still carrying the message....”

Guaranteed Special Room Rates

Register early for the best rate. Details at www.gopherstateroundup.org or directly with DoubleTree by Hilton at 800-222-8733. Mention Gopher State Roundup for special rate.

Gopher State Roundup is a special A.A. conference with Al-Anon participation.

Gopher State Roundup is self-supporting. No contributions from A.A. groups are used to pay for this event.

Expenses such as hotel fees, travel & lodging for the speakers, and printed material are paid through registration fees.

No baskets are passed during this event.

SPEAKERS

FRIDAY, MAY 25

7:30 PM Judy C., A.A., New York, NY
10:00 PM Scott F., A.A., Bristol, PA

SATURDAY, MAY 26

9:30 AM Diane A., Al-Anon, Nashville, TN
11:30 AM Sandra W., A.A., New York, NY
2:00 PM Pati S., Al-Anon, Fort Worth, TX
4:00 PM Jay S., A.A., Sedona, AZ (History)
7:30 PM Sheldon F., A.A., Las Vegas, NV
10:00 PM Amy D., A.A., Louisville, KY

SUNDAY, MAY 27

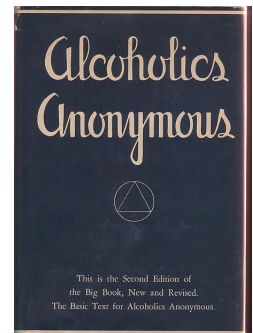
10:00 AM Jay S., A.A., Sedona, AZ

ASL interpretation is provided for the meetings listed above.

CDs are available in the Grand Ballroom foyer.

A.A.'s LEGACY OF SERVICE

BY BILL W.



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"I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SOBRIETY"

A.A.'S LEGACY OF SERVICE

BY BILL W.

What is the basic A.A. service? The Fellowship's responsibility The pioneers' battle for the Big Book News stories and sudden A.A. growth Beginnings of group and world services Origin of the Twelve Traditions G.S.O. today Birth of the General Service Conference

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Recovery, Unity, Service—these are the Three Legacies given to the whole membership of A.A. by its founders and their fellow old-timers. When this heritage was announced, at the St. Louis Convention in 1955, celebrating A.A.'s 20th birthday, Doctor Bob was already gone. But Bill W. spoke for him and the other pioneers, as well as for himself, in turning over to all of us the responsibility for A.A.'s continuation and growth.

"The A.A. Service Manual," current version of the handbook first known as "The Third Legacy Manual," may seem to be simply a guide to organization and procedure, and its approach is indeed practical. At the same time, it is based firmly upon spiritual principles, as Bill explains in his introduction to the manual, reprinted here to recall the development of our Third Legacy

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

Vital to A.A.'s Growth

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion. Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: "Is this service really needed?" If it is, then

maintain it we **must**, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A. The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole; namely, the General Service Office, ... the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and our Board of Trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and much of our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities. Until 1950, these overall services were the sole function of a few old-time A.A.'s, several nonalcoholic friends, Doctor Bob, and me. For all the years of A.A.'s infancy, we old-timers had been the self-appointed trustees for Alcoholics Anonymous.

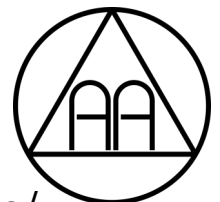
Fellowship Ready for Responsibility

At this time, we realized that A.A. had grown up, that our Fellowship was ready and able to take these responsibilities from us. There was also another urgent reason for change. Since we old-timers couldn't live on forever, newer trustees would be virtually unknown to the A.A. groups, now spread over the whole earth. Without direct linkage to A.A., future trustees couldn't possibly function alone. This meant that we had to form a conference representing our membership which could meet yearly with our Board of Trustees in New York, and thus assume direct responsibility for the guardianship of A.A. tradition and the direction of our principal service affairs. Otherwise, a virtually unknown board of trustees and our too little understood service headquarters operations would someday be bound to face collapse. Suppose that future trustees, acting quite on their own, were to make a serious blunder. Suppose that with no linkage to A.A., they tried to act for us in time of great trouble or crisis. With no direct guidance from A.A. as a whole, how could they do this? Collapse of our top services would then be inevitable. And if, under such conditions, our world services did fall apart, how could they ever be reconstructed? These, briefly, were the conclusions that led to the formation of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. ...

Highlights of A.A. Service History

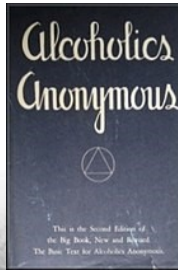
To go back to the beginning: One day in 1937, at Doctor Bob's Akron home, he and I added up the score of over two years' work. For the first time we saw that wholesale recovery for alcoholics was possible. We then had two small but solid groups at Akron and New York, plus a sprinkling of members elsewhere. How could these few recovered ones tell millions of alcoholics throughout the world the great news? That was the question. Forthwith, Doctor Bob and I met with 18 of the Akron Group at the home of T. Henry Williams, a steadfast nonalcoholic friend.

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Some of the Akron Group still thought we ought to stick to the word-of-mouth process; but the majority felt that we now needed our own hospitals with paid workers and, above all, a book for other alcoholics that could explain to them our methods and results. This would require considerable money—millions perhaps.



Join us for a
Speaker Meeting

Brennan Center
East Building
Sunday @ 7:15pm

AA
Sunday
Night



The General Meeting on
Sunday nights @ 7:15pm
If interested in helping out, please contact us at
feedback@aafairviewriverside.org

12-step Opportunities



Fairview Riverside AA – U of M Medical Center

To keep the program, we must give it away!

General Meeting – Sunday speakers –
7:15pm – Brennan Center – East Building

AA Wing Meeting – Saturdays – 6:30pm –
5th Floor Treatment Center – Cafeteria

Fairview Riverside – U of M Detox Center – Sundays – 8:30pm

Annual Gopher State Round Up – AA Hospitality Suite 115—Memorial Day
Weekend - May 25, 26, 27 2018—Drop in!

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(We didn't know that millions would have ruined us ruined even more than no money at all.) So the Akron meeting commissioned me to get to New York and raise funds. Arrived home, I found the New York group in full agreement with this idea. Several of us went to work at once.

JUNE 16—A.A. Thought for the Day

But even faith is not the whole story. There must be service. We must give this thing away if we want to keep it. The Dead Sea has no outlet and it is stagnant and full of salt. The Sea of Galilee is clear and clean and blue, as the Jordan River carries it out to irrigate the desert. To be of service to others makes our lives worth living.

Does service to others give me a real purpose in life?

From *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*—HAZELDEN ©

Additional Meetings at U of M Medical Center

DAY	GROUP	TIME	LOCATION
	ACA	8:00pm	North Bldg—NG22
	ACOA	9:00pm	North Bldg—NG22
	Al-Anon		
Monday	36	7:00pm	North Bldg—NG23
Tuesday	33	7:00pm	Bethany Lutheran Church Franklin Ave @ 25th Ave CA
Wednesday		8:30pm	West Bldg—Floor 5 #541 GA
Sunday		7:00pm	East Bldg—MB114 NA
Friday		8:00pm	East Bldg—Brennan Cen. OA
Monday		4:45pm	East Bldg—MB114 WA
Wednesday	(Workaholics Anonymous)	11:30am	East Bldg—Dining Rm E
Thursday	Opiates Anonymous (Closed Meeting—Alumni)	8:00pm	West Bldg—Floor 5 #557

7th Tradition

Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting

Trustees Financial Report Summary

March 2018

Sq. 1	\$ 10	Expenses:	\$ 1,609.19
Sq. 2	\$ 63		
Sq. 9	\$ 7	Closing	
Sq. 20	\$ 72	Balance:	\$ 1,595.86
Sq. 43	\$ 10		
Sq. 47	\$ 36		
Sq. 57	\$ 30		
Sq. 63	\$ 14*		
Sq. 70	\$ 58		
GM	\$ 82		
TOTAL:	\$382		



Drop Box
located in the
West Building
Room F537

U of M Medical Center Fairview Meeting Listings

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	3	5:30pm	East Bldg - Dining Room E
	43	7pm	North Bldg/Ground Level NG48
Tuesday	57/36	1pm	West Bldg - Fifth Floor F571
	62	7pm	Bethany Lutheran Church—Franklin Avenue @ 25th Avenue
	9	8pm	North Bldg/Ground Level NG42
Wednesday	20	7pm	West Bldg - 5th Floor F541
Friday	70	8:30pm	North Bldg/Ground Level-NG42
Saturday	1	8pm	East Bldg/Brennan Center
Sunday	47	5:30pm	East Bldg-MB114 (Dining Room F)
	General Meeting	7:15pm	East Bldg/Brennan Center
	2	8:30pm	East Bldg /Brennan Center

Trustees 2nd Sunday each month 6:15pm East Bldg/Brennan Center lobby

Visit our new Facebook page—**StraightTalk Society**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/371595779928822/>

On another note... Please elect a new trustee for your AA squad/group and have them attend the next trustees meeting.
The trustees meet on the second Sunday of the month in the Brennan Center lobby in the East Building at 6:15pm.

Monthly Treasurer's & Secretary's Reports on website

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Trustees

Bruce M. – Sq. 62

Lynn – Sq. 1

AJ W.- General Meeting

Jim M. – Sq. 70

Kyle W.—General Meeting

Grant—Sq. 2

Looking for Reps from:

Sq. 3 Sq. 9 Sq. 20 Sq. 43 Sq. 47 Sq. 57/36

Please send a representative from your Squad!

People who don't go to meetings aren't there to see what happens to people who don't go to meetings.

- Is your group not listed? Is it listed incorrectly?

Please leave a note with any changes or your writing submission in:

AA group #70 mailbox—located in the **West Building** — **Room F537**