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Tradition 6 Long Form: "Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to AA should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management about be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. --medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one."

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Editor's Two-Cents Worth

Greetings,

First things first, Happy 9th A.A. anniversary to Barb H!

Here we are already halfway through the month of June 2026. This month reminds me that I am responsible for helping carry the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic. There are many ways to do this, including placing a "fin or a sawbuck" (\$5 bill and \$10 bill respectively) in the 7th tradition basket as it goes around. Southerners at least 60 years old know what a fin or sawbuck is. There are many other ways to help carry the message too, just being available to volunteer at the Central Office, support your home group, or make and pour coffee at your home group, extend your hand and introduce yourself to a person entering the meeting that you do not recognize, clean up around the tables in your meeting room, send a A.A. event flyer, or article of interest to be published in the Central Office Newsletter, things like this go on and on, ad-infinitum!

The Central Office needs volunteers for Monday and the 12 Noon-4pm shift on the first Saturday of August. Keeping the Central Office open during regular business hours is vitally important. Please contact Mary at (208) 667-4633 if you are available.

I want to personally thank the following groups for your generous support this past month: Daily Reprieve II,
Sisters in Sobriety,
Primary Purpose Group (3),
Wallace Miners,
5:15 Happy Hour Group (2)

Your 7th Traditions contributions are very much appreciated and helps us continue carrying the message.

David R
12/06/1995 First Day of Freedom

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Central Office Financial Report

May 2026 Deposits \$1,647.95

May 2026 Contributions \$684.88

Daily Reprieve II,
Sisters in Sobriety,
Primary Purpose Group (3),
Wallace Miners,
5:15 Happy Hour Group (2)

May 2026 Retail Sales \$963.07

May 2026 Expenditures \$2,590.42

Rent, Coordinator, Quarterly Taxes, AFG, Amazon, Ziply Fiber, Coeur d' Alene Press, Newsletter Software, Hazelden, Boston Intergroup Literature

Checking Account Balance \$3,358.28

Reserve Fund Balance \$6,088.75



Central Office Coordinator Report

I have finished the new schedule, and I hope everyone finds it more user friendly than before.

We are still in need of a volunteer for the Monday shift 10am-2pm. Also, around August 1st, I will need a Saturday volunteer for the 12noon-4pm shift.

I will be attending the PNWC (Pacific Northwest Conference) this month in Vancouver, WA. I am looking forward to this conference as I haven't been to anything like this for a while. (No C.O. funds will be used for this trip.) I will report back next month at our Quarterly Central Office meeting on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:45pm at the Alano Hall. All Central Office Reps from the groups should be at this meeting. (Last Quarterly meeting in April had ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE present.)

Thank you all for your support.

Yours in service,

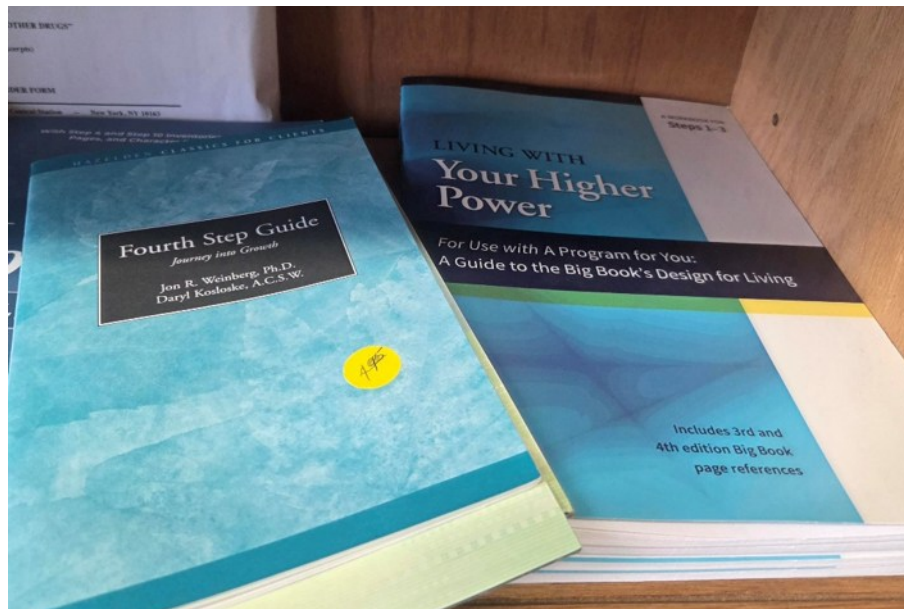
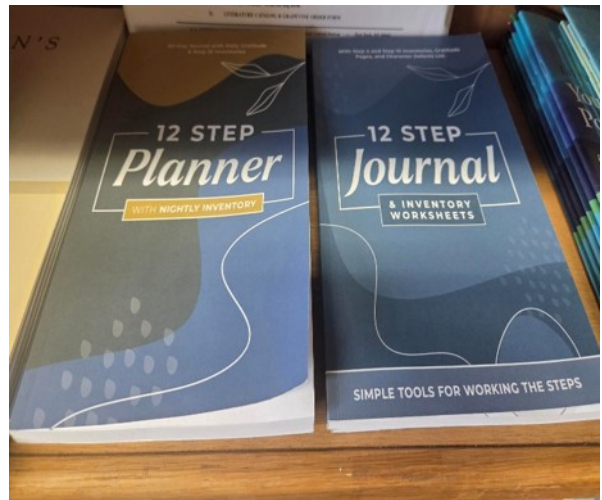
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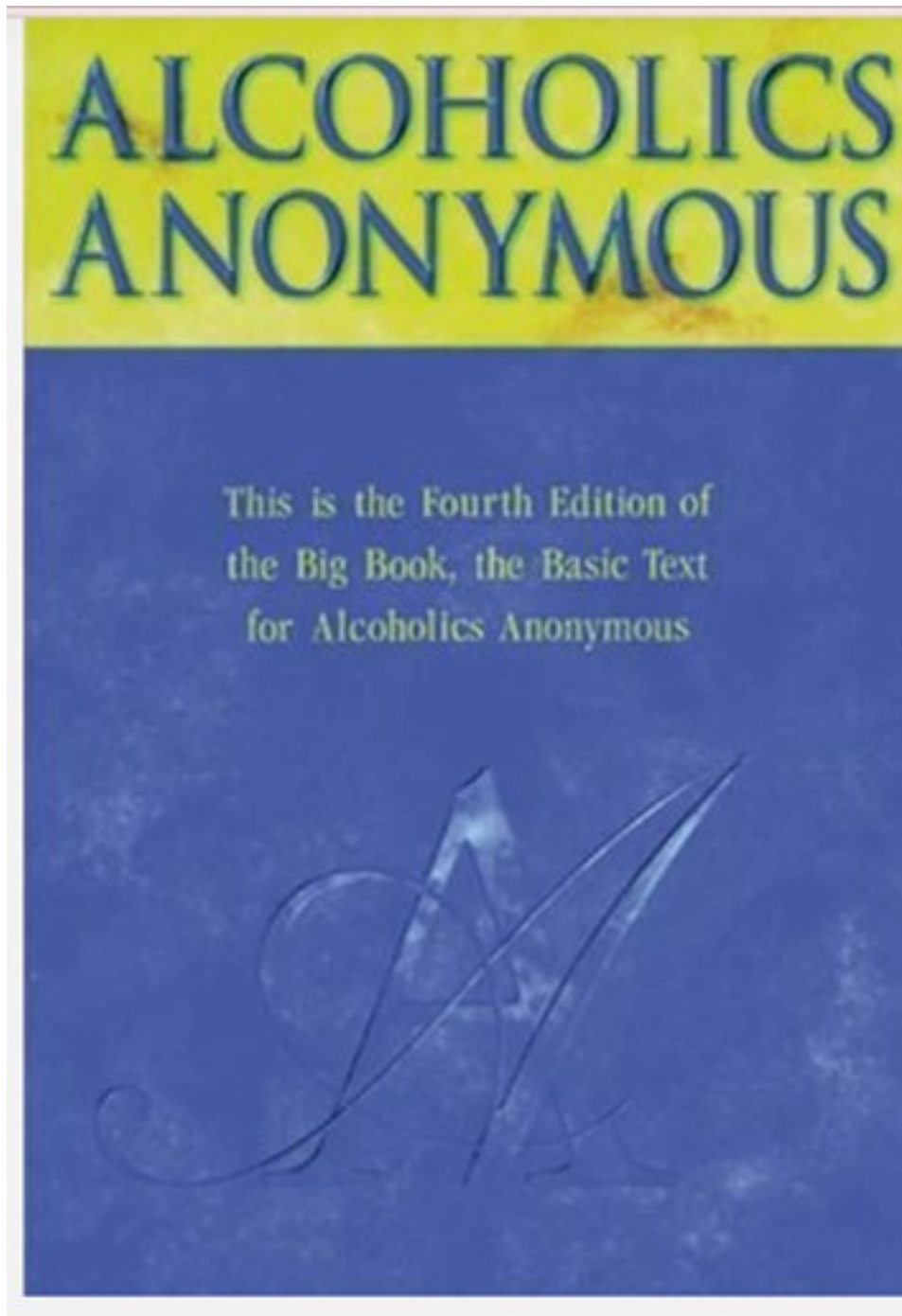


Item of the Month

The Big Book is the absolute best and number one suggested book to go through the steps with, but if you want some additional help with other books and workbooks, we have some great choices. Prices vary so be sure to come and check them out.



**And We Always Carry Big Books!
Support Your Local Central Office Store**



Thank You For Your 7th Tradition Contributions To The Central Office!

5:15 Happy Hour Group

Daily Reprieve II

Primary Purpose Group of N Idaho

Sisters In Sobriety

Wallace Miners

Your Support Helps Us Keep The Doors Open And Carrying The Message To The Still Suffering Alcoholic!



June 2026

FORT SHERMAN AA GROUP SUMMER
GRILL & CHILL
Speaker Meeting



Summer Sundays with the Fort Sherman AA Group!
Join us on the last Sunday of June, July, and August for an evening of good food, great speakers, and fellowship. We'll be firing up the grill at 5:00 PM with burgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy before our 7:00 PM speaker meeting. Friends and family are welcome! Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish to share, such as chips, salads, or another favorite potluck item.

★ This month's guest speaker ★
Lou L.

5PM BBQ - SPEAKER MEETING STARTS @ 7PM

WHERE | CITY PARK

Human Rights Education Center
414 W Fort Grounds Dr, Coeur d'Alene

WHEN | 5PM

Sunday June 28th
Sunday July 26th
Sunday August 30th

June A.A. History

Here are notable events in AA history that occurred in June, spanning from the founding of the fellowship to major anniversaries and cultural milestones:

June 1, 1949 – Anne Smith, Dr. Bob’s wife, passed away

June 4, 2002 – Caroline Knapp, author of *Drinking: A Love Story*, died sober of lung cancer

June 5, 1940 – Ebby Thatcher took a job at the New York World’s Fair

June 6, 1940 – The first AA Group in Richmond, Virginia, was formed

June 1979 – AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, presented by Lois Wilson in New York

June 7, 1939 – Bill and Lois Wilson had their first argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped

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

June 8, 1941 – Three AA members started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan

June 10, 1935 – Celebrated as Dr. Bob’s last drink and the official founding date of AA (though some evidence suggests it may have been June 17)

June 11, 1945 – 2,500 attended AA’s 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio

June 1969 – Dr. Bob’s granddaughter, Bonna, killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child

June 1971 – Ernie Galbraith died

June 13, 1945 – Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with a large audience, under surveillance to ensure sobriety

June 15, 1940 – First AA Group in Baltimore, Maryland, was formed

June 16, 1938 – Jim Burwell (“The Vicious Cycle” in the Big Book) had his last drink

June 17, 1942 – New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting, attended by 424 people

June 18, 1940 – 100 attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334½ West 24th Street, New York City

June 19, 1942 – Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valen

June A.A. History (Continued)

tine sent six policemen to AA, who sobered up

June 21, 1944 – The first issue of the AA Grapevine was published

June 24, 1938 – Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book, stating it was “not to bear any author’s name but to be by ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’”

June 25, 1939 – New York Times reviewer praised the Big Book as “more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon”

June 26, 1935 – Bill Dotson (AA #3) entered Akron’s City Hospital for his last detox and first day of sobriety

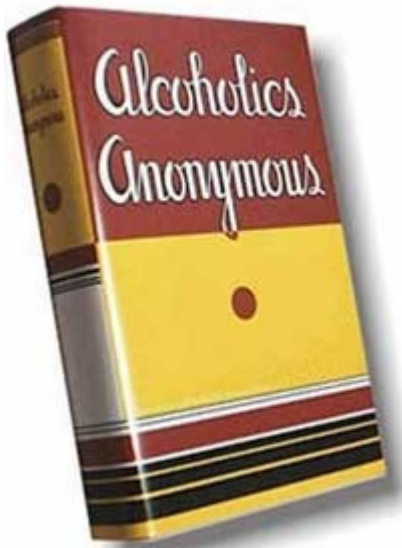
June 28, 1935 – Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson at Akron’s City Hospital

June 30, 1941 – Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer, which was adopted by AA

June 2000 – Over 47,000 from 87 countries attended the 65th AA Anniversary opening meeting in Minneapolis, MN



That Ain't in the Big Book!



Since the suggestion made by “The Grapevine” in the late 60’s that “Open Discussion” (OD) meetings might be a good idea, there has been a change in the message being presented in the rooms from a focus on the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous to “group therapy” where anyone and everyone is privileged to speak on whatever might be on their mind. The result of this has been a severe decline in the success rate of alcoholics finding lasting recovery. We hear a lot of stuff said in meetings that can’t be reconciled with the program as described in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Here is a list of the opinions, perspectives, and slogans we often hear in rooms and what our original Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous basic text (4th Edition) has to say about it.

“There are no musts in this program.” Or “There are no musts in A.A.”

Here are 96 Must (s) Listed in the Big Book (Doctors Opinion to page 164)

If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol. (33)

But after a while we had to face the fact that we must find a spiritual basis of Life – or else. (44)

We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a Power greater than ourselves. (45)

Do not let any prejudice you may have against spiritual terms deter you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you. (47)

Many of us have been so touchy that even casual reference to spiritual things made us bristle with antagonism. This sort of thinking had to be abandoned. (48)

We had to ask ourselves why we shouldn't apply to our human problems this same readiness to change our point of view. (52)

When we saw others solve their problems by a simple reliance upon the Spirit of the Universe, we had to stop doubting the power of God. Our ideas did not work. But the God idea did. (52)

When we became alcoholics, crushed by a self-imposed crisis we could not postpone or evade, we had to fearlessly face the proposition that either God is everything or else He is nothing. God either is, or He isn't. (53)

Sometimes we had to search fearlessly, but He was there. He was as much a fact as we were. We found the Great Reality deep down within us. In the last analysis it is only there that He may be found. It was so with us. (55)

The first requirement is that we be convinced that any life run on self-will can hardly be a success. (60)

Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us! (62)
We had to have God's help. (62)

First of all, we had to quit playing God. (62)

Our liquor was but a symptom. We had to get down to causes and conditions. (64)
If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. (66)

We saw that these resentments must be mastered. (66)

Whatever our ideal turns out to be, we must be willing to grow toward it. We must be willing to make amends where we have done harm, provided that we do not bring about still more harm in so doing. (69)

We must be entirely honest with somebody if we expect to live long or happily in this world. (73)

Those of us belonging to a religious denomination which requires confession must, and of course, want to go to the properly appointed authority whose duty it is to receive it. (74)

The rule is we must be hard on ourselves, but always considerate of others. (74)

It is important that he be able to keep a confidence; that he fully understand and approve what we are driving at; that he will not try to change our plan. But we must not use this as a mere excuse to postpone. (75)

To Be Continued.....

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