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YOUNGSTOWN AREA A.A. INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

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Step 1- "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol that our lives had become unmanageable."

Tradition 1- "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

Responsibility Pledge: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Declaration of Unity: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

ATTENTION ALL HOME GROUPS

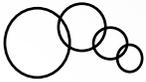
Is your group linked to A.A. as a whole?

By electing a G.S.R. you help ensure that your group's conscience will be shared with A.A. as a whole. Each G.S.R. communicates his/her group's conscience on important matters of policy considered by the District and Area Assemblies well as exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups.

Help see to it that your group is represented. Send your group's G.S.R. to your Districts next meeting.

"The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance."

Bill W.



A Good Laugh

Officer sees a man and notices he is having trouble walking so the officer asked him "sir are you drunk?" The man responds "No sir i'm not drunk." So the officer then asks "how high are you?" to which the man responds "no sir, its high how are you."

A mathematician stumbles home drunk at 3 a.m. and his wife is livid. "You swore that you'd be home by 11:45!" "No," slurs the mathematician, "I said I'd be home by a quarter of 12."



The Intergroup Newsletter may be picked up at the Intergroup Office.

Please support your Intergroup. The YAIG is doing everything possible to be of the best service to all AA groups in the area. We cannot do this without your financial support. Please feel free to use our services at any time.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR CONCERNS, PLEASE STOP BY OR CALL.

THANK YOU!!



The next Executive Board meeting of the Youngstown AA Intergroup is on Thursday, January 12th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Intergroup Representative Meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. at YAIG Office, 3373 Canfield Rd. Youngstown, Oh. 44511.

There are AA members who WATCH things happen.....

There are AA members who MAKE things happen.....

And then,

there are AA members who DON'T KNOW what happened

District Info:

District 6 GSR Meeting
2nd Sunday of the month
@ the Sahara Club in
Warren @ 1 p.m.

Donations for District 6
can be sent to 3402
Kinsman Rd. N.W., North
Bloomfield, OH 44450.

Multidistrict 7,8,48 GSR
Meeting 1st Thursday of
the month @ the YAIG
Office @ 6:30 p.m.

Donations for
Multidistrict 7,8,48 can be
sent to 15798 Mock Road,
Berlin Center, OH. 44401.

There are currently three openings for Class B (alcoholic) trustees from the Northeast and Southeast Regions, and for a Trustee-at-Large/Canada. Looking for candidates from a variety of professional backgrounds. Nominating process will take place at your upcoming area assemblies. Ask your general service rep or local trusted servants for more information.

**visit us online
@ AAYAIG.org
for more info,
including area
meetings list**

New Meetings Changes Cancellations

Monday

Time/address Change - Starting in January the “Into Action BB” will be moving from Canfield Christian Church to the YAIG office located @ 3373 Canfield Rd., Youngstown. Meeting will start @ 7:30 p.m.

New Meeting - “The Fourth Dimension” is an open discussion meeting held @ Howland Glen Baptist Church (1348 Niles Cortland Rd., Howland). Meeting starts @ 7 p.m.

Meeting Closure - “Women’s Growth Group” @ the YAIG has closed.

Time Change - The “Monday Night Salem” group located @ the Oxford House (320 Benton Rd., Salem) now starts @ 7 p.m.

Time Change - “The “Old Kirkmere Meeting” located @ Western Reserve Methodist Church (4580 Canfield Rd., Youngstown) now starts @ 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Address Change - The “Beginner’s Big Book Study” will be moving from the 1323 Club to Austintown Studio Apts., located @ 850 Meridian Rd., Youngstown. Meeting starts @ 6 p.m.

Thursday

New Meeting - “Good Times” is an open meeting that begins with a short lead followed by a discussion. Meeting is held @ St. Peter & Paul Church (421 Covington St., Youngstown) and starts @ 8 p.m.

Address Change - “Sisters in Sobriety” has moved from the 1323 Club to Faith Fellowship Church (388 Midlothian, Youngstown).

Saturday

Address Change - “Saturday Afternoon 12 & 12 is moving from the 1323 Club to Fellowship Hall, located @ 2555 Rush Blvd., Youngstown. Meeting starts @ noon.

New Meeting - “Sicker Than Most Group ” is a closed discussion held @ Fairview Arts Center (4220 Youngstown/Poland rd., Youngstown). Meeting starts @ 10 a.m.

New Meeting - “Boardman Big Book Study” located @ Westminster Presbyterian Church (119 Stadium Dr., Boardman). Meeting starts @ 4 p.m.

Reopened - “Out of Darkness Into Light BB Study” held @ N. Jackson Church of Nazarene has reopened. Meeting starts @ 8 p.m.

Reopened - The “Saturday Night Howland Group” has started back up. Meeting is held at Howland Christian Church (198 Niles Cortland Rd.). Meeting starts @ 7 p.m.

The Hope I Found

A gentleman gave me a Big Book at no cost. Wow, free stuff! I had no idea what I held in my hand. He suggested I start reading it. "Most importantly," he said, "don't drink."

Alcohol tortured and enslaved me for years. But on June 6, 1988, I was done. I woke and asked God in his great mercy to just take me. Alcohol had quit working for me. Not drinking seemed foreign and unnatural. How was I going to not drink? Was this even possible?

My sister called our local Central Office, and they sent two people to visit me. After they introduced themselves, I babbled on for a while about how I was afraid to drink and afraid to not drink. "We know people like you who know how not to drink," one of them said. "Would you like to meet them?"

I was shocked. There were people who knew how not to drink? I felt both doubt and hope swirling inside me. I agreed to go meet these people and, just like that, they took me to my first AA meeting.

My first 30 days were quite a blur. One thing I remember was a sign that said, "Hope is Found Here." People came up to me to welcome me "home." They kept telling me to keep coming back.

In the first week, I attended a meeting that would become my home group. There, a gentleman gave me a Big Book at no cost to me. Wow, free stuff! I had no idea what I held in my hand. He suggested I start reading it and look for a sponsor. "Most importantly," he said, "don't drink".

That night I went home and began to read this Big Book. "The Doctor's Opinion" chapter stated that alcoholism was a disease. I come from a long line of alcoholics who drank themselves to death. These people were viewed as immoral and weak. Here was a doctor who stated it was a disease. Could I be treated? I continued to read.

Even though "Bill's Story" was set decades before my time, I related to that "bitter morass of self-pity" and that alcohol was my "master." I read about the night he was in such a state he thought that he would jump from his window "sash and all." I've been there. He was speaking to my soul.

Then I got to chapter two and saw "There Is a Solution." I was so floored. I didn't have to drink myself to death? For the first time, I truly felt that there was hope for me. I continued to read. The sun was already up when I finished "A Vision for You." Yes, I read the first 164 pages in that one night. I could not wait to get to my next meeting. I had so many questions.

It has been many years, three sponsors and a lot of meetings since 1988. I have worked in service positions, and I have worked with many newcomers. I have not had to drink.

Months into my first year, I found out that the gentleman who had given me my first Big Book carried extra Big Books wherever he went to make sure anyone reaching out to AA got the solution. That Big Book was not free. The opportunity for him to give me a Big Book came at a cost to him that was much more than money.

Today, I continue to keep a few Big Books on me just in case I meet someone who needs one. I pray they feel that fire of hope that I felt when I read it for the first time.

LORIAN - CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO

AA Anniversaries



Elaine Graham is celebrating 23 years of sobriety

Bill Tombar is celebrating 24 years of sobriety

Celebrate Your AA Anniversary in the newsletter and help support the YALG office at the same time.. \$1.00 Donation per year.



Any groups with information on meeting changes, including closures, time changes, or change of location, please email the office at aayaig@sbcglobal.net so we can keep the online and print area meeting list as up to date as possible. *(Please be sure to include a contact name and phone number)*

From the Traditions Checklist: Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

Youngstown Area Intergroup

Youngstown, Ohio

Hours: open daily from 10 am - 2 pm

Phone: 330-270-3000

January 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 	2	3	4	5 Multi-District 7,8,48 GSR Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7
8 District 13 GSR Meeting 11:30 a.m.	9 District 6 GSR Meeting 6 p.m.	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm Intergroup Rep. Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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You can Email newsletter additions, removals, corrections etc. to Newsletter@aayaig.org, or call or stop by the office. Please make sure to include a contact Name & Phone Number!

Copy service available for area A.A. Groups

Groups may bring in their original forms, flyers, etc..., and fill out an order sheet. Copies will be run depending on volunteer and copier availability. Copies may not be completed when dropped off and may need to be picked up at a later date.

White copy paper will be supplied, but the group must supply colored paper if that is their preference.

Black & White Copies— \$.10 each
Full Color Copies— \$.25 each

Celebrate Your AA Anniversary in the newsletter AND help support the YAIG office at the same time. \$1.00 Donation per year..... Not celebrating an anniversary in the near future?? That's ok. Group and Individual donations are always

AA Event Submission Form for *Pass It On*

Group Name _____

Name/type of event _____

Location of event _____

Times (starts @, ends @, eat @, etc..) _____

Date of event _____ Cost _____ Raffles (types of) _____

Contact to be included? (name and phone number) _____

*Contact-for verification (Required) Name _____ Phone # _____

Additional information may be included on a separate piece of paper
 Mail to YAIG c/o Newsletter, 3373 Canfield Rd., Youngstown, Oh. 44511



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Big Book Word Search

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Find the words below from the 4th edition of the Big Book in the puzzle to the left. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, and backwards.

- ???????????? pp. 199 ?????????????? pp. 505
- ????????????? pp. 556 ?????????????? pp. 330
- ????????????? pp. 3 ?????????????? pp. 204

Unscramble the following words, then find each one in the puzzle to the left.

- RECANLEEF pp. 222
- GANOERMOB pp. 2
- CALLNCYI pp. 49
- BEEMANCS pp. 305
- INEREOP pp. vi
- TAICRSG pp. xxxi
- LEIGONIR pp. 74
- LETISARIF pp. 49
- HECTITAP pp. 134
- SUNROMUE pp. 350
- DURETIN pp. 188
- REELIVS pp. 83

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