

M.B.A.I.A.A. Newsletter

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June 2009

Birthdays Meeting

Host group:

Del Monte Men's Stag

Speaker:

Pat D., Reno

Date:

June 27th
7:30 pm
Monterey High School Cafeteria

New Meeting

Gay Men's Stag
Friday 7:00pm
St. James Church
Franklin & High St.

The most recently published schedule is dated June 2009

Reminder:
The price of all books goes up on July 1st.

Stock up now!

From the Grapevine

June 1959

An Anniversary Letter
from Bill

Dear Friends in A.A.,
This issue of the Grapevine marks the anniversary of its founding exactly fifteen years ago.
The memory of some of those first editorial meetings will linger with me always. Seated around a table in a tiny cheerless room some place downtown, the founders pored over their freshly written copy for the first issues. In those days the enthusiastic founders did everything. Not only did they do the art work, write the bulk of the stories, they kept the books, they paid the printing bill, they typed the address on each copy and finally licked all the stamps. So went the happy monthly paroxysm of creating what was to become the principal monthly journal of our whole society.

Today 35,000 readers see mirrored in each issue of the A.A. Grapevine a monthly vision of the worldwide thought, feeling and activity of our whole fellowship. It is our great means of inter-communication; a magic carpet on which each of you can ride to the more distant reaches and watch new brothers and sisters emerge from darkness into light.

On this happy occasion I send my warmest affection to Grapevine readers and staff alike. May God prosper the Grapevine always.

Heard around the rooms...

Expectations are the building blocks of resentments!

Happy A.A. Birthday

Pat D.	40	Cathy L.	12
Mary O.	41	Joan M.	29
Nancy H.	31	Ann F.	34
Charles B.	22	Bill K.	25
Bonnie K.	15	Leslie S.	16
Lois W.	27	Kathy W.	23
Frank M.	25	Maria A.	32
Felix	28	Jeff E.	28
Sunny S.	23	Christine B.	21

For a total of 472 years

A.A. Big Book Celebrates 70 Years

Gail L. rests her gloved hand on the old red book on the table in front of her. The book, she tells you, saved her life and gave her "a life worth saving."

Gail is the archivist at the Akron Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup office; the red book is a first edition of our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The book has been known and cherished by recovering people since its publication in April 1939. We know the power of its words.

This first edition, one of 4,800 first printings was signed June 28, 1948 by A.A. co-founder Dr. Robert Smith of Akron and New York stockbroker Bill Wilson. An Akron member donated the book to the Central Office in the city of our origin.

The Big Book has been printed in 58 languages, according to a spokes woman at the A.A. General Service Office in New York City.

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