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Visiting the Grave of the Founders

Written by: Greg W.

Visiting the graves of the AA Founders, Bob and Anne S., is high on the list of important places in Akron, OH, to go to on Founders' Day weekend. Their headstone and its location within Mount Peace Cemetery are clearly marked with permanent signs directing visitors to its location. What some people may not realize is that twenty two other original members of the fellowship, part of what this article refers to as "The First One Hundred," are buried within Akron's city limits across just six cemeteries.

For example, #2 Dr. Bob S. is buried in Mount Peace Cemetery; #3 Bill D. is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery; and #4 Ernie G. is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park. Six more burial locations are in Holy Cross Cemetery, Glendale Cemetery, and Mount Hope Cemetery.

Sunday morning at Founders' Day, there is the motorcade or motorcycle procession from the convention to Dr. Bob's grave at Mount Peace Cemetery. This is followed by a graveside memorial tribute to Dr. Bob and Anne S. That memorial ends with the song "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes. Then those in attendance return to the convention for the last speaker meeting.

Thursday, the Akron Men's Big Book study group reads Bill D.'s story by his



A person paying their respects at the grave of Bob and Anne S. at Mount Peace Cemetery

grave. That group has placed a standing spray of flowers in the shape of a circle and triangle at his grave since 2005. This will be the last year that the group will place the flowers at #3's grave because the group has disbanded.

Step SIX

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition SIX

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Concept SIX

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

HONESTY + PURITY + UNSELFISHNESS + LOVE



FROM THE

IG News Committee



Happy June, everyone! As we gather for Founders' Day Weekend, we celebrate the beginning of Alcoholics Anonymous and the message of recovery reaching people around the world. This meaningful time reminds us of the importance of fellowship and sharing our experience, strength, and hope. We invite you to contribute recovery-inspired articles and sign up for the IG Newsletter to stay connected. Together, we strengthen our AA community and support the Intergroup Office.



– The IG News Team

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Contributions from our readers are encouraged!

Submissions are edited for space and clarity ONLY. Contact information is required and anonymity is respected.

In keeping with our goal of being self-supporting, your subscription is appreciated.

AKRON INTERGROUP NEWS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The *Akron Intergroup News*, as a standing committee of the Akron Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, is bound by the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts. Our primary purpose is the same as any AA group: to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. Our secondary purpose is to keep the Akron Intergroup area of Holmes, Medina, Portage, Summit & Wayne counties informed as to events, meeting changes, Council decisions, and other news of interest to AAs in the Akron area.

As a newsletter and voice of and for the AA community, we have an additional purpose. We provide a forum for the broad spectrum of views held by our members. A controversial subject, as long as it does not concern an out-side issue and involves principles and not personalities, will be considered for publication. At times, the committee must walk a tightrope in making decisions on what is printed and what is not.

As a general guideline, any letter or article that is of interest to members of AA that advocates ignoring or violating the Traditions, Concepts or General Service Conference actions will not be considered for publication. Our Higher Power guides us through our Group conscience. Therefore, Akron Intergroup News Committee reserves the right to publish/not publish any article upon submission without question or explanation, based on the decision of a group conscience majority vote.

“No AA group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatsoever.”

– Tradition Ten, Long Form

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There is also one more grave that is special to many people, Ethel M., “The First Lady of Akron”. Her story appears in the second edition of the Big Book “From Farm to City.” The grave is located at the right rear corner of the Grace United Methodist Church of Christ in Norton, OH (southwest of Akron).

Akron Cemeteries

Mount Peace Cemetery: five of these members are buried: Dr. Bob S. Co-Founder of AA, Harlon S., Edward N., Norman T., and Delmar T., author of “Ace Full—Seven—Eleven.”



The grave of Bob and Anne S.
Mount Peace Cemetery

Greenlawn Cemetery: Four of these members are buried here: Bill D., author of the second edition story “Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three”; Walter B., author of the A.A. story “The Back-Slider,” Marie B., author of “An Alcoholic’s Wife”; Tom L., author of the first edition story “My Wife and I”; and Alvin B.

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AA #3 Bill D. and his wife Henrietta D.

Rose Hill Burial Park, seven member are buried: Ernie G., Big Book story author of The Seven Month Slip; Harry L.; J.D.H.; Frank C.; Lawrence P.; Irvin N.; Frank C.



Ernie G., author of “The Seven Month Slip”.

Holy Cross Cemetery: three members are buried: Phil S.; Joe D., and Carl R.

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Joe D., author of “The European Drinker”

Glendale Cemetery: two members are buried: Bob E., who is heavily quoted in Dr. Bob’s biography; and Henry P.



Bob E. is buried in a large family plot.

Mount Hope Cemetery: one member is buried: Al S., who helped preserve AA history, including the Amos Report.

Visiting the Grave of the Founders cont.

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Walter and Marie B. both had their stories in the Big Book
Greenlawn Cemetery



Ethel and Roscoe M.
Both entered the fellowship
May 8, 1941

There will be many opportunities to learn more about the early members at the 2026 Founder's Day!
The Akron Intergroup has a wonderful archive to visit and many displays to see.

This article is based on information from, *In the Steps of the First One Hundred*.

Disclaimer by the IGNews Committee

The articles published through this forum may have opinions expressed by the authors of those submissions. They in no way are the opinions of this publication, IGNews Committee, or AA. We, like AA, have no opinion on any outside issues, politics, religion, organization, sect or alcohol reform. **Those included in articles are of the writers alone.**

We want YOUR Submissions

We are looking for new submissions every month to publish in our monthly newsletter. Please send us an email to share your experiences in AA, your personal journey or new things you have learned while sober. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know! Scan this code to email us or send it to:

IGNews@AkronAA.org



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Help Sustain Our New Facility & Replenish the Reserve

akronaa.org/donation



The Akron Area Intergroup Office and our committees will always give you a way to be of service.

Do you have a certain area of interest? Would you like to get involved? To request information send an email to info@akronaa.org

May 2026 CONTRIBUTIONS

Individual: 704.32
Group: \$5097.50

Your contributions keep the Intergroup Office running.

Pet of the Month

Willow Rose

Soberly
loved by
Amanda &
Zach



We Are Powerless Over Alcohol

Written by: Jerome D.

Each of us alcoholics must come to the conclusion that we are powerless over alcohol. No one else is responsible, and there is no one to blame. God has provided a sure spiritual way out when we are ready to try Alcoholics Anonymous. We can be transformed, and the desire to drink can be removed. Alcoholics can become grateful to God for sobriety and spiritual awakening.

Attending AA meetings and giving them a Big Book works because alcoholics see and read about others who have recovered from the terrible illness of alcoholism. When alcoholics become open-minded to healing and recovery, they may experience freedom from the obsession, compulsion, and desire to drink, either quickly or over time.

Anytime we try a new Step, service position, work opportunity, or other endeavor, we help ourselves by immediately striking up a partnership with God. When God is our Partner, we will have what is necessary to be of service. Ask God for help, thank God for being there, and pray prayers of gratitude. "God could and would if He were sought." Faith without works is dead, and the works we do are the Twelve Steps. God helps us and does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Let us not squander the inheritance of Alcoholics Anonymous. We may only get one chance at recovery. The next first drink could kill us.

Prayer for the day:

God, help me adapt my heart, soul, mind, body, and life to Your ideas through the Twelve Steps. Help me relax, take life easy, give up struggle, and be led on right paths. My main sickness is alcoholism, rooted in self centeredness. I was ambushed into alcoholism and seek to be set free. Thy will be done in all my needs according to Your heavenly vision, for my earthly needs and eternal life. Amen.

GENERAL SERVICES AREA 54

Third Sunday 2-5pm
Area Assembly
12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH

AKRON MULTI-DISTRICT

Meets Third Saturday of Every Month 1pm
Pilgrim UCC, 130 Broad Blvd.,
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

DISTRICT 5A & 5B

Meets third Thursday of Every Month
@ 6:30 pm Christ Episcopal,
118 S Mantua St, Kent, 44240

INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETINGS

Are typically held the **FIRST**
Sunday of the month at
12:00 pm at **The pARIDise Club**
1710 Front St.
Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

All Intergroup Representatives are encouraged to attend every meeting.

- **Council Meeting** June 7: 12pm
- **Council Meeting** June 28: 12pm
- **Executive Board Meeting** June 4: 7pm
- **Executive Board Meeting** June 25: 7pm

The Big Picture

Written by: Joe C

The Big Picture

From time to time, it is important to provide a clear overview of the Akron Area Intergroup's financial condition so members throughout our five-county fellowship can make informed decisions about our future. Looking beyond monthly reports helps us better understand where we have been, where we are today, and where we may be headed as trusted servants carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Intergroup Revenue Sources

Our three primary sources of revenue are:

1. Founders' Day – 64% of revenue (3-year average)
2. Literature sales – 22% of revenue
3. Group and individual donations – 14% of revenue

The Prudent Reserve

Our prudent reserve balance was approximately \$146K in January 2025, with a target reserve of \$130K for 2026 based on six months of operating expenses. In 2025, approximately \$59K was used from the reserve, followed by another \$40K in April 2026 to cover moving expenses and office operations. The current reserve balance is now approximately \$40K.

Increased Expenses & Planned Changes

The move to the new Intergroup Office and Archive resulted in approximately \$100K in one-time construction and moving expenses. Monthly rent increased from \$1.6K to \$3K, along with higher utility costs.

To offset these increases, the Board implemented several changes:

- Reducing paper mailings to save annual mailing costs
- Raising literature prices by 15%
- Increased Founders' Day registration fee

Current Situation

Despite these efforts, literature sales remain flat, donations are down approximately \$7K year-to-date, and Founders' Day revenue was down nearly \$58K (24%) compared to last year as of May 3.

What This Means

At the current pace, we will not be able to rebuild the prudent reserve as planned. If similar financial trends continue into 2027, the fellowship may face difficult decisions regarding service reductions, operating expenses, and additional revenue needs. Meaningful support through group and individual contributions will be essential moving forward.

AKRON AREA INTERGROUP OFFICE

2212 Romig Rd. | Akron OH 44320 | 330-253-8181

2026 Akron Area Intergroup Board Nominee

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Home Group: _____

Executive Board Position: _____

Nominator: _____

Offices to be filled are:

Vice Chair 2 Year Term / 5 Years Cont. Sobriety
Treasurer 2 Year Term / 5 Years Cont. Sobriety
One (1) Trustee 3 Year Term / 5 Years Cont. Sobriety
Three (3) Members-at-Large 2 Year Term / 3 Years Cont. Sobriety

Please Read Before Signing: Board members are expected to attend the monthly Executive Board and Intergroup Council meetings as well as actively participate in at least one of the standing committees (listed on the next page). **Attendance is also required at the Executive Board Orientation.** It is strongly suggested that officers be able to pass a Check Systems credit check.

Signature of Nominee: _____

**Return ALL completed Nomination Forms to the Intergroup Office
2212 Romig Rd., Akron OH 44320**

Forms also can be emailed to info@akronaa.org

Deadline for Nominations is 1:00 pm on June 15, 2026

WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

The following is a suggested guideline of how to divide your group's contributions and where to send them:

50% Akron Intergroup Office

2212 Romig Rd., Akron, OH 44320
Checks payable to Akron Intergroup Office

25% The General Service Office

PO Box 2407; James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407
Checks payable to General Service Board

15% NE Ohio General Service, Area 54

PO Box 91384
Cleveland, OH 44101-3384
Checks payable to NE Ohio General Service

10% TO YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT:

Akron Area Multi District

Paul, Treasurer
PO Box 67163
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222
Checks payable to Akron Multi District

District 5A & 5B (Portage County)

Dustin S.
2203 Ranfield Rd.,
Mogadore, OH 44260
Checks payable to District 5

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT INTERGROUP OFFICE

Archives Committee

Wednesday— 10 AM-4 PM Drop In

Corrections Committee

Third Saturday — 10:00 AM

Founders' Day Committee

First Monday — 7:00 PM

Information Technology

Second Wednesday — 6:00 PM

Intergroup News Committee

Third Saturday — 12:30 PM

Literature Committee

Second Saturday — 9:00 AM

Treatment Committee

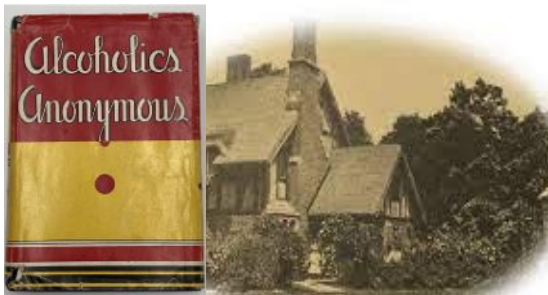
Tuesday before Ex. Bd. Mtg.— 6:00 PM

CHECK WEBSITE AKRONAA.ORG
FOR MEETINGS NOT LISTED HERE AS MORE
ARE ALWAYS BEING SCHEDULED. SCHEDULE
MAY CHANGE WITH NEW EXEC BOARD
MEMBERS

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Balance Due \$ _____

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Akron Intergroup
775 N. Main St.
Akron, OH 44310-3044
Phone: 330-253-8181

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<https://akronaa.org/shop/donations/donation/> Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Signed _____ Phone _____

Donation received by _____

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