



3<sup>rd</sup> Edition March 2023

### **AAversaries!**

**1 year** Emily North Liberty Tuesday and Friday Night Groups

**15 years** Karen A. Primary Purpose Muscatine

**16 years** Brian F. North Liberty Tuesday Night Group

**26 years** Teresa R. Midwest Group Iowa City

CONGRADULATIONS!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** If you want your sobriety birthday featured on our future newsletter, there are simple rules: Years only, 1<sup>st</sup> name, last initial, home group. To [iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you want to receive this newsletter, send an email to [iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com).

### **We are not a glum lot.**

I drank so much wine last night that when I walked across the dance floor to get another glass, I won the dance competition!

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On a men's bathroom wall, someone had hastily scrawled, "I slept with your mother." Underneath it, another person had written, "Go home dad, you're drunk."

**AREA 24 AA**

**DISTRICT 13**

**iadistrict13.org**

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## Why do We Have the Declaration of Unity?

**In July, 1970**, eleven thousand members of Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, made the following pledge in eleven different languages: 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.

**Why was such a statement necessary? Almost from the very beginning of A.A., Bill had focused on the importance of maintaining Unity in the Fellowship. By working together, we could achieve and maintain sobriety that had eluded us when we were alone. Even when A.A. had less than a hundred members, most of them concentrated in New York and Akron, Bill and Dr. Bob had a vision of a unified fellowship that could reach out to alcoholics throughout North America and even the world. In Bill's own talks and writings, he always emphasized the need to preserve unity in order to maintain sobriety for ourselves and preserve A.A. for "the millions who still do not know." In introducing the Traditions, Bill had written, "So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us if they could, all will be well.... We shall be secure as a movement; our essential unity will remain a certainty."**

Taken from internet sources.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The **District 13 Meeting** will be held Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 2:30 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, corner of Court St. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Iowa City. We meet the 4th Sunday of the month alternating between Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and 704 S. Houser, Muscatine. All are welcome.

**The Iowa City Intergroup** meets online on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am. Go to [aa-iowacity.org](http://aa-iowacity.org) for Zoom information.

### PRIMARY PURPOSE Muscatine **13TH ANNIVERSARY MARCH 30th, 2023**

**CALVARY CHURCH** ROOM C2 (Live to Love Bldg.) Potluck: 5:30PM TO 6:30PM

Speaker: 7PM-8PM Speaker Dan V. **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

GROUP WILL PROVIDE PULLED PORK SANDWICHES AND BEVERAGES and CAKE

**2023 Area 24 Spring Conference:** June 9, 2023 - June 11, 2023, Grinnell College, Joe Rosenfeld Center, 1115 8th Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50112. Go to [www.aa-iowa.org](http://www.aa-iowa.org) for flyer.





# Spring Event

April 11, 2023

Tuesday Night  
Trudgers

Pizza night  
&  
Speaker meeting  
Meeting at usual 7:30pm time.

Doors open at 6 pm for Pizza &  
Fellowship  
Bring a dessert if you wish.

Part of proceeds will go to SII FNC fund





# Founders' Day Herald

88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 9, 10, & 11, 2023 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Per Hour  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### A.A. Early Bird Meeting\* • 3:00 p.m.

Penny D. - Bay Village, OH  
"From Cracker Factory Housewife To  
Champion Of Sobriety And Women"  
Chaired by: Karen K.

### Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

\*Rule 62\*

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 7:00 p.m.

Peter M. - Boca Raton, FL  
"Chop Wood, Carry Water"  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m.

Linda G. - Queens, NY  
"Happy, Joyous And Free"  
Chaired by: Juanita W.

### Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Open Discussion  
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

### A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
2 buses continuously - Bierce Circle

### A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office  
(Stop on bus tour)

### The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.

Billy N. - Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
"How It Works"  
Chaired by: Mary K.

### A.A. Old Timers' Panel\* • 10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Every Day Is A Day We Must  
Carry The Vision Of God's Will Into All  
Our Affairs"  
Dee T. - Akron, OH  
Ken McA. - Ontario, CA  
Bobby M. - Richmond Heights, OH  
Chaired by: Mary K.

### La Viña Workshop • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and  
Alegria de Vivir Group

### A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting\* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Shanna & Scott D. - Urbandale, IA  
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"  
E.J. Thomas Hall  
Chaired by: Marie E.

### Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

"Rule 62"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 2:00 p.m.

Vivian Q. - Okatie, SC  
"Emotionally Driven Or Spiritually Guided -  
What Is Our Choice To Be?"  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.

Presented by: Gail L. - Akron, OH  
Chaired by: Karen K.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 8:00 p.m.

Theresa F. - North Hills, CA  
"All Of A Sudden I Became Present To My  
Life, And I Didn't Like It!"  
UA Infocision Stadium\*\*  
Chaired by: Woody W.

\*\*Stadium Weather Contingency Plan  
for Saturday Night - See Web Site

### DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Saturday Night

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE\*

7:30 a.m.  
Motorcycle procession and graveside  
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.  
Speaker: Dolly A. - Akron, OH  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

### A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.

Topic: "We Admitted That We Were  
Powerless Over Alcohol, That Our Lives  
Had Become Unmanageable"  
Andrew M. - Akron, OH  
Sonya M. - Akron, OH  
Vivienne Y. - Cleveland, OH  
Chaired by: Juanita W.

### A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting\* 10:30 a.m.

Bill C. - Torrence, CA  
"It's Been Miserable Long Enough...It's  
Time To Have A Good Time!"  
Chaired by: Michael B.

## AL-ANON

### FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"  
Lynda M. - Copley, OH  
Ian R. - Canton, OH  
Mary Anne C. - Uniontown, OH  
Olin Hall  
Chaired by: Leslie S.

## AL-ANON

### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.

\*Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope\*  
Olin Hall  
Chaired by: Lynda M.

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## REGISTRATION

### UA STUDENT UNION

### CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by  
6:00 p.m. Saturday - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Package Plans must be picked up at designated  
dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

### Coffee & Fellowship Room

Student Union

### A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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\* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.  
\$35.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!

FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.  
Name badges & ribbons must be worn for admittance to all meetings — NO EXCEPTIONS!

<https://foundersdhtps://foundersday.org>