

# CENTRAL BULLETIN

UNSELFISHNESS — HONESTY — TRUTH — LOVE

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## Editorial . .

For some time it has been the conviction of several A.A. members as the result of the expansion of our fellowship in Cuyahoga County, that some means of wider communication of our activities to our members is needed.

To that end, the efforts of this bulletin will be dedicated.

Many of our members are leaving the city to take jobs elsewhere and many are going into the armed services.

To these members we think we can fill a definite need.

We shall strive to maintain an interesting and lively contact between these absent members and us at home.

Letters from men in the services all beg for news of happenings within the various groups. We hope to meet this plea.

We hope, through this bulletin to bring you news of general interest to A.A. members, such as notices of parties, anniversaries ( ? ), picnics, special meetings, activities of the various committees, formation of new groups and other work of the organization in Cleveland.

News items will be welcome from members of all groups, on questions relating to improvement of the A.A. technique. Someone may be able to suggest a better hospitalization plan, a better way to approach a prospect, or some other improvement.

We expect to include in this bulletin suggestions for reading, prayers, discourses on various phases of re-education under the A.A. program.

We shall remember A.A.'s second A. No member's name will be used in this publication without his unqualified consent. Nothing will be published that will be embarrassing to any member. We shall operate always in a spirit of Love and Unselfishness.

The chief justification for this bulletin will be to further the work of A.A.

There are 6500 active members of A.A. in the United States, a report from the national office in New York says. However, there are many unattached members, because of out-of-town defense work, and Bill Wilson's office estimates that the total membership in the nation today is between 8,000 and 9,000.

## WE HONOR BILL WILSON

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter, at 2 P. M., Sunday, November 8th.

Bill Wilson, our founder, will be the principal speaker.

Tickets for the dinner can be bought from group secretaries at \$2.10 each. The speaking program will start promptly at 4 P. M. Those unable to attend the dinner but wish to attend the after dinner meeting at which Bill Wilson will speak, may buy admission tickets for 40c.

## A Plea to the Secretaries

To enable the Bulletin to compile a mailing list of all men in service, group secretaries are requested to send names and addresses of all service men. Individual members may send names and addresses of service men to the A.A. postoffice box, P. O. Box No. 658, Church St. Annex, New York City.

This first edition of the Bulletin is merely an outline of what we intend to produce in the future. It is not intended

to be a monthly report of only central committee's activities, but is intended to be a reporting service of all groups in Cuyahoga County.

In order to make this paper truly interesting to every member, it will be necessary to get news items from every group. And if it is to be a success, it will be the necessary duty of every secretary to transmit his group's news to the editors before the first Tuesday in each month.

For the sake of economy of space, all news items, interesting articles and correspondence which would be of interest to all members may be edited or condensed if necessary.

To start, this bulletin will be printed on both sides of an 8½x11 sheet. If it is warranted, another page will also be used. This size was recommended by the editors, because all issues can be assembled in standard loose-leaf binders.

For the present time, sufficient copies will be mailed to each secretary for voluntary distribution at meetings. A plan will be submitted, whereby all members will receive the bulletin by mail in an envelope bearing only the box number of the Central Committee. No further identification will appear. If this plan is adopted, it will assure every member of receiving a copy. Naturally this will entail some expense and a nominal charge for a year's subscription may be charged to cover cost of printing, envelopes, addressing, inserting and mailing. This is a tentative plan and subject to the will of each group.

Norman Ebert's compilation of the membership of Cuyahoga County, made just before he died, shows an active list of 1400. Counting those who have had to leave because of work in other cities, or for other reasons, there are about 1800 practicing A.A.'s who belong to our community.

## GIVE US A NAME

This first bulletin is called the "Central Bulletin". This name does not convey its purpose. Put on your thinking cap and submit a name to your secretary and the committee of secretaries will adopt a new title from your suggestions. Please do this at once so we may select it before the next publication.

## GROUP MEETINGS

## Monday

Borton Group .....	13331 Euclid Ave. ....	8:45
Lee Road Group .....	1637 Lee Road .....	8:30
Orchard Grove .....	Townsend Hall. 15003 Detroit Ave. ....	8:30
Lake Shore .....	Lake Shore Hotel, Dinner at 7:30, Meeting at. ....	8:30
Lorain Ave. ....	Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain.....	8:30
Miles Ave. ....	12907 Union Ave.....	8:30
Shaker Heights .....	Shaker Jr. High, S. Woodland and Woodbury.....	8:30

## Tuesday

Wade Park .....	82nd and Wade Park .....	8:30
West Side Men's.....	Pilgrim Church, W. 14th and Starkweather .....	8:30

## Wednesday

Crawford Men's .....	8920 Euclid Ave. ....	8:30
Brooklyn .....	K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Rd .....	8:30
Lee Road .....	1637 Lee Road.....	8:30
Collinwood .....	14707 St. Clair Ave.....	8:30
Women's .....	12214 Detroit Ave .....	8:30
Lorain, Ohio .....	Antlers Hotel .....	8:30

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Avon Lake .....	1112 W. Erie, Lorain .....	8:30
West 25th St .....	Schmotzer's Hall, W. 25th and Erin Ave. . .	8:30
Glenville .....	E. 105th and Marlowe .....	8:30

## Friday

Lee Road .....	1637 Lee Road.....	8:30
Berea .....	Bagley and Seminary .....	8:30
Gordon Square .....	CIO Hall, 6221 Detroit Ave .....	8:30

## Sunday

Crawford Training .....	8920 Euclid Ave .....	8:30
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## Morning Meetings

Wednesday Mornings	Collinwood .....	14707 St. Clair Ave. ....	10:00 A. M.
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1st Tuesday every month

Central Committee .....	8920 Euclid Ave .....	8:30
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## ALCOHOL BARS MILLION

A newspaper clipping called to our attention that chronic alcoholism was keeping 1,000,000 persons out of the war effort, and that 60,000 new chronic cases were being discovered each year. These figures would indicate that in proportion to the entire country, about 10,000 Greater Clevelanders are waiting for the same message that brought us back to sanity and a rightful place in the community.

The national A.A. office in New York is compiling a list of A.A. members that are in the service. If group secretaries will send all the names of service members to New York, many members now in the service will be able to establish A.A. contacts they now miss.

The Bulletin will be published on the 15th day of each month. News for the Bulletin should be in the hands of group secretaries not later than the first Tuesday of each month.

ATTEND THE

ANNUAL

A. A.

MEETING

Honoring

BILL WILSON

Founder of A. A.

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RAINBOW ROOM

CARTER HOTEL

Sunday, November 8, 1942

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Dinner at 2 P. M.

Only 750 can be served. Get your tickets early. Ticket includes the meeting.

Price \$2.10, includes tax.

Meeting at 4 P. M.

This meeting will start promptly. Entrance can only be made with ticket.

Price 40c, including tax.



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November, 1942

## Editorial . .

The Founder called it "a Miracle of Transformation."

So it was. There were doctors, lawyers and mechanics, business executives and clerks; men of many stations of life and of many creeds.

Not so long ago they were chained almost inescapably to an obsession that defied determination and willpower, that progressively destroyed their usefulness to themselves, their families and to society.

They and their wives, numbering nearly 1000 persons, filled the great Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter. They were there to pay tribute to the Founder. Yet the Founder's inspiring message was overshadowed by the audience itself. There were many hundred personal triumphs, and many hundred triumphs of missionary zeal.

The Founder himself saw this great audience as a miracle. He paid tribute to the work of the members of Greater Cleveland, who had shown how ordinary men, with Divine inspiration, could succeed in an effort that would be accounted too great for professionals.

The Founder led a meeting. He told us about his personal problem. He told us how, after he had received the inspiration that led to the development of the method, his problem still remained. It remained as long as resentment, intolerance and self pity remained. He put strong emphasis on the destroying effect of resentment.

He met his crisis as most of the rest of us have learned to meet our crises: by acceptance of the guiding hand of the Creator, and by working with others.

He spoke of humility and patience and love and honesty and unselfishness. But particularly, he spoke of the destructive effects of resentment, intolerance and self pity.

There were two other speakers. The guest of honor of last year's dinner meeting spoke of the necessity of passing the work on to others, of correcting our thinking, of finding a new plan for living, and of making use of the opportunity to gain happiness.

The other speaker was a Clevelander, a member for five years. He spoke on the individual nature of the problem and the individual's own responsibility for its solution.

Members from 20 other cities were present: Lorain, Akron, Uhrichsville, Ashtabula, Youngstown, Dayton, Columbus, Geneva, Mountainview, Kent, Canton, Cuyahoga Falls, Mount Vernon, Belleview, Mansfield, Berea and Toledo in Ohio; Erie, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jackson, Mich.

**ABSOLUTE HONESTY**—One of the four absolutes of A. A. means that we **MUST** be honest with ourselves first, last and always if we are to succeed in this New Way Of Life.

## Responsibility of Sponsors

The greatest responsibility any man or woman assumes as a member of A. A. is the treatment or sponsorship of the new prospect.

Upon how thoroughly and conscientiously this job is done by us depends the future happiness and security of the individual concerned.

It is, therefore, important that we assume this responsibility in its entirety, not only for the benefit of the prospect, but for our own protection as well. Our own safety and security depends upon how unselfishly we give of ourselves to others.

It is our duty to be certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that the prospect once left on his own has such a complete understanding of the principles and practices of this movement that he will know what to do under any and all conditions.

This is accomplished only by painstaking effort on our part to the extent that we must be sure that the prospect has received the proper instructions from a great number of contacts, thru the reading of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and by our showing the way properly to make a contact with others. All this having been done, it is important that we impress upon the prospect the fact that he must then do this job himself for his own security.

All these things are vitally necessary and it is the sponsor's responsibility to follow thru on this to the point where the prospect is able honestly to recognize the fact that regardless of what the condition or circumstance with which he is confronted a drink is never the solution to his problem.

## SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS

At a round table discussion meeting it was suggested that a Sunday evening group be started and that it preferably meet regularly downtown or within easy reach of all districts of Cleveland. We suggest that the secretaries bring this up for discussion at regular meetings, and if sufficient interest is aroused, steps will be taken to create a new group.

## BULLETIN RETAINS NAME

In the first Bulletin it was suggested that everyone put his thinking cap on and submit a name for the subsequent Bulletins. Only one other name was suggested and the delegates to Central Committee expressed a preference for the original name, so the name stands. A new masthead is being drawn by one of our artist members, so for the Christmas issue you may see us with a different "dress" on.

### God's Love

Let the thought of Love be with you:

Pass it not one single day:

It will ever be your sunshine.

Health and joy in every way.

Use it when dark clouds may gather,

And all trouble soon will cease:

Just know God's great Love forever—

It will bring you lasting peace.

## GOSSIP

Gossip is one of the cardinal sins. It is not a single act, like murder, **that** stops one's life and falls back to punish the offender. It is the breath of the Devil, soiling every ear it touches. It is **the** most deadly of poisons. It blights many lives, it smites the innocent with the guilty.

An old Italian legend tells the following:

In the old days, a peasant confessed to a priest that he had slandered an innocent man. The priest said to him, "For your penance do this now: Take a bag of chicken down. Go to every yard in the town and drop one bit of down into each garden. Do not miss **one** yard. When you have finished, return to me."

The sinner believed his punishment was light. With his bag of down he made the circuit of the village and carefully dropped one soft feather into each garden. Then he reported to the priest, saying: "I have done my penance."

"No, my son," replied the old abbe. "You will not have done your penance until you take this bag, go again on your rounds, collect every feather you have dropped, and bring it here to me."

The gossip protested that it would be impossible: he could not find the bits of down in a lifetime; many of them had blown far away.

"So it is with gossip," replied the priest. "It is easily dropped. But never again, no matter how hard you try, can you rather back the words you have so thoughtlessly scattered."

*"Create in me a clean heart, O Lord!"*

## A. A. MALE CHORUS

The Male Chorus has finally been launched, and rehearsals are held every Sunday afternoon at 4 P. M. in the Old Arcade (Superior entrance). There is still an insistent demand for first tenors and low basses, and a plea is now made for an early response to further this worthy endeavor.

This chorus is considering a suitable name for itself—a name which will not in any way denote A. A. connection. It will be available for Cleveland's community activities and only the members themselves will know its origin.

Francis Sadlier, a teacher of voice and a well-known figure in Cleveland's musical circles, will direct and train the group. His personal acquaintance with several of the members prompted him to practically donate his services and facilities to the cause. (He is not a member of A. A.)

## LAKEWOOD GROUP

The Lakewood Group, parent of the West Side groups, will celebrate its third anniversary, at the semi-monthly party Saturday, November 21, 1942. This group was founded November 20, 1939.

The second annual dinner and reunion of the founders of the Lakewood Group, first West Side group, will be held at Cousin's Restaurant, 15001 Detroit Ave., Lakewood on Saturday, November 28th.

The Group has reinstituted its "every other Saturday" evening get-togethers. Cards and games provide entertainment and the membership feels it engenders a greater social activity than is possible on meeting nights.

## GORDON SQUARE GROWTH

On July 21, 1942, the Gordon Square Group started with two members. The Group now numbers forty-one. This shows that the location selected was wise and also that some splendid work has been done by the members. Fine cooperation was given by the West 25th-Erin Group and the Lorain Avenue Group. The fine response from the Women's Group also was a great factor in its success.

-B. H.

A farewell party and dance was held in honor of Clarence Snyder on Saturday evening, October 3rd, C. I. O. Hall, 6221 Detroit Ave., with the Gordon Square Group as hosts. He was presented with a beautiful service wrist watch as a gift from all West Side groups who acclaimed him for his pioneer work in Cleveland and particularly the West Side. The large crowd wished him Godspeed and his parting speech was well received.

## CRAWFORD MEN'S TRAINING

The Crawford Men's Training System has been highly acclaimed by many. Older A. A.'s are asked to come to these meetings with or without new prospects where new prospects will be given individual attention just as though they were in a hospital. Visiting a prospect in his home has always been handicapped by interruptions: by the prospect not daring to unburden himself completely for fear of being overheard by his relatives, and by the A. A.'s reticence for the same reason. Hospitalization without question is the ideal answer to where the message will be most effective, but the Crawford Training Plan strikes us as being the next best.

This group has even had regular visitors! from Pittsburgh and surrounding small towns.

## LEE ROAD GROUP

A goodly number of the Wednesday night Lee Road Group spent a very pleasant Sunday afternoon and evening last month at the Hinckley Lake home of our Group Secretary and enjoyed a delicious chicked dinner.

-B. E.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

We of the Women's Group feel that we are not entitled to a great deal of space in our "Central Bulletin," being so much in the minority. However, we proclaim far and wide the success we have attained, against many odds. We were told over and over, that when it came to organizing and trying to educate a "Bunch of Alcoholic Women" that it would be hopeless. To our great satisfaction and pride, our able organizer and first Secretary did not let that discourage her. She believed in her idea of a Group for women only. Our success and constant growth proved her point better than anything we can say.

Of course, with all of us, the Women's Group comes first, but we are always glad to co-operate in any way we can with the Men's Groups, as many of them have been very kind and helpful to us.

Here's to the immediate success of your paper—whether it is "Central Bulletin" or "Good News From The Home Front."

## WADE PARK GROUP CHANGES LOCATION

The Wade Park Group has just changed its meeting place from East 82nd and Wade Park to the Parish House of Emmanuel Church, 8614 Euclid Ave. An enthusiastic group of about 100 persons welcomed the change on the first meeting night.

No mention was made to the editors as to whether the group changed its name, and our efforts to certify the information were unsuccessful. However, if there is a change, it will be announced in the next bulletin.

## THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

When you get what you want, in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you king for a day—  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what THAT guy has to say.

For it isn't a man's father or mother or wife  
Whose judgment upon him must pass:  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please—never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous difficult test  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like "Jack Horner" and "chisel" a deal  
And think you're a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass thinks you're only a heel  
If you can't look HIM straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back from your friends,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

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South East Group .....	10203 Miles Ave. ....	8:30

## Tuesday

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Douglas, Mansfield O. ....	North Lake Park, Sec. Address, 147 W. First St., Mansfield, O. ....	8:30

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## 1st Tuesday every month

Central Committee .....	8920 Euclid Ave. ....	8:30
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## TELEPHONE LISTING

At the last regular meeting of the Central Committee it was decided to list Alcoholics Anonymous in the telephone directory. A twenty-four hour service will be maintained. Since the deadline for listing was near, it was decided to act immediately rather than approach each individual group for support, which the delegates present felt could be assured.

That the listing is important and necessary goes without saying, as many groups in other cities will attest, where listing has been in effect for some time.

A six-point dispatching service is being worked out by a committee and will be presented to the delegates to Central Committee to be taken to their groups for explanation and approval. Then tentative plan provides for three east side and three west side outlets.

## ACCREDITED A. A. HOSPITALS

Approved by Hospital Committee of Central Committee

	Doctor's Fee and Medicine	Room Rate	Cash Deposit
*Charity Hospital .....	\$10.00	Regular Rate	\$5.00 per day
Central at East 22nd Main 9400			
*Deaconess Hospital .....	\$10.00	Regular Rate	\$5.00 per day
4233 Pearl Road Florida 0070			
*East Cleveland Clinic. . . . .	Dr. \$10.00 Med. 5.00	\$6.00	\$45.00
13240 Euclid Ave. Glenville 3244			
Farguharson's Home.. . . .	Dr. \$5.00 Med. 5.00	\$7.00	\$45.00
6037 Pearl Road Shadyside 8374			
Harmony Home .....	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$40.00
9711 Lamont Ave. Randolph 2703			
*Nottingham Hospital . . . . .	Dr. \$10.00 Med. 5.00	\$6.00	\$45.00
18920 Nottingham Road Ivanhoe 0133			
*Al Webster's Inc. ....		\$5.00 Included per day over 5 days	\$45.00 5 days
3730 Euclid Ave. Express 0180			
Women's A.A. Hospital. . . . .	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$40.00
12214 Detroit Ave. Academy 4688			
Wright Nursing Home.. . . .	Call for information		
15315 Detroit Ave. Academy 4879			

\*Hospitalization recognition.

## NEWS FROM CAMPS

Letters and news of AA's are greatly appreciated. Every effort will be made to pass on information as space will allow. No address will be given without consent, and excerpts from letters will be published whenever possible.

EDITOR.

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Word was sent to all secretaries that Glen R. Wadick was ill in the infirmary, and a letter brought this reply,

"Thanks for your letter and am back in the pink again. Had a touch of the flu I guess. You may use my name and address in the Bulletin if you wish. Give my best regards to the old bunch. Hope to get away from here soon, as I really want to get in this war and see some action. Am awaiting orders to go to Ft. Benning for officers training—hope it comes soon."

Best regards to all my AA friends,

Sgt. Glen R. Wadick,  
Co. D, 29th Eng. Tr. Bn.,  
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo."

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Clarence Snyder writes us that

"The going is tough but I don't hear anyone hollering UNCLE. My only regret is that I am not 15 or 20 years younger, but I feel that I can offset that by application of other advantages I may have."

I received a copy of the first edition of the newspaper and enjoyed it much. Here's hoping the best for its success. I will anticipate receiving it each month.

If any of my friends wish to write me, address me as follows—

Pvt. Clarence H. Snyder,  
Co. B, 8th Bn. A.F.R.T.C.,  
Fort Knox, Ky."

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"... but I miss the association of the groups. I haven't run across any other AA's altho I'm inquiring around. I'm still keeping my chin up and I pray God I won't have any trouble. I don't think I will. My best to you and the whole Glenville Group."

Pvt. F. M. Orpse,  
Flight A-565 T.S.S. (SP)  
Atlantic City, N. J."

