

## Message from the New Editor

Beginning with this edition, I will undertake with pleasure, humility and gratitude the editorship of *The Turtle*, and I relish the challenges and opportunities it offers. I also welcome any and all input from all in the fellowship. I look forward to continuing and building on the outstanding work of my predecessors and the many other visionary and skillful people involved in creating this journal and guiding its development since its inception. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

- In love and service,  
Maude D.

“Service is  
The Ultimate  
Weapon”



Associated Press  
A.A. founder Bill Wilson

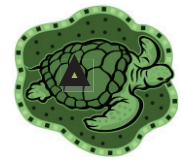
## On This Day, June 10, 1935: Alcoholics Anonymous Founded

On June 10, 1935, Bill Wilson and his friend Dr. Robert Smith set out to find the best way to reform alcoholics, and Alcoholics Anonymous was born.

## THE ROOTS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bill Wilson, a stockbroker from New York, had success battling his alcoholism with the help of the Oxford Group, a national organization founded by Lutheran minister Dr. Frank Buchman that promoted waiting for divine guidance in every aspect of life. He attempted to help other alcoholics, but none of them were able to become sober.

In June 1935, during a business trip in Akron, Ohio, Wilson felt the temptation to drink. Using a church directory, he was able to reach a local Oxford Group member, Henrietta Buckler Seiberling, who put Wilson in contact with Dr. Bob Smith, an alcoholic who had recently joined the Oxford Group. Wilson explained how he was able to become sober, which had a profound impression on Smith. They developed an approach to remaining sober through the personal support of other alcoholics. Seiberling insisted on emphasizing religion, even if it made certain alcoholics less likely to join.



“Well, we’re not out to please the alcoholics,” she reasoned. “They have been pleasing themselves all these years. We are out to please God. ... God is your only source of Power.”

On June 10, outside an Akron hospital, Smith drank a beer to steady his hands for surgery; it would be the last drink he ever had.

Both men began devoting their free time to reforming other alcoholics at Akron’s City Hospital, and were able to help one man achieve sobriety. “Though the name Alcoholics Anonymous had not yet been coined, these three men actually made up the nucleus of the first A.A. group,” according to the Alcoholics Anonymous Web site.

In 1935, a second group of alcoholics formed in New York followed by a third group in Cleveland in 1939. Through the group, Wilson “emphasized that alcoholism was a malady of mind, emotions and body,” according to A.A.



In 1939, the group published its textbook, “Alcoholics Anonymous.” Written by Wilson, the book explained the group’s philosophy, including the now well-known 12 steps of recovery.” according to A.A.

Alcoholics Anonymous continued to grow, spreading across the United States and Canada. According to the A.A. Web site, by 1950, there were 100,000 recovered alcoholics worldwide. Also in 1950, A.A. held its first international convention in Cleveland

**The June 10 Founders’ Day is celebrated yearly in Akron;** 2012 marks the 77th anniversary of A.A. AA Founders Day in Akron, Ohio, is always an important and popular event among AAs and alcoholics who flock by the thousands to celebrate the founding there in June of 1935 of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Here in Charleston we celebrated 77 years of Alcoholics Anonymous with a picnic at Hampton Park sponsored by T.C.I.O. Art H. shared his experience, strength and hope with us. The weather cooperated and we had fun food and Fellowship.

Many thanks to T.C.I.O.



Cindy F., South Carolina Delegate gave the Delegate’s Report on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Aldersgate Church attended by the usual suspects from the Tri-County area. She brought lots of information and there was lively discussion with many questions. This is an event not to be missed.

#### **A 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.**



## Upcoming Events

**Southeastern AA  
Conference –  
August 9-12, 2012**

**Area 62 SC General  
Service Assembly  
October 6-7, 2012**

**Southeastern  
Regional Forum -  
November 9-11, 2012**

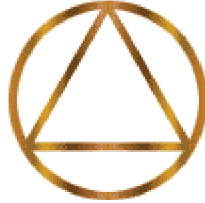
**66th SC State  
Convention and  
69th SE Regional  
Conference -  
August 8-11, 2013  
Columbia, SC**

Details available Area 62  
Website: [area62.org](http://area62.org)



Heard it in 'the Rooms'

"Seven days without  
meetings, makes one weak."



### *How Money and Spirituality Mix*

*Presented by Marshall C.*

*Area 62 Alternate*

*Delegate*

*Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

*1 pm at Unity Church*

*2535 Leeds Avenue*

*Charleston, SC*

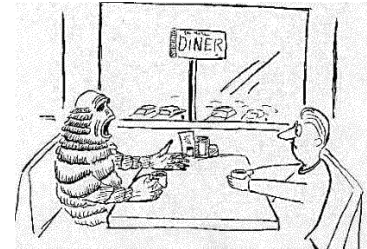
*Pot Luck Lunch*

*Bring a covered dish and*

*an Open Mind!*

**T.C.I.O. meetings are  
held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
at 4:00 pm at 4800  
Park Circle Drive,  
North Charleston. All  
are welcome to  
attend.**

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



Sponsor to sponsee,

"Your job is to tell me the  
truth, my job is to laugh at  
you when you don't"





## Treatment Meeting Schedule July & August

Cont act the Responsible Group Rep t o Sign Up

Facility	Day & Time	July	August
Dorch.IOP 500 North Main Street29483	As Announced	7/9 As Bill Sees It Joan 980-621-2664	8/6 Pre Nooners Bill 323-0602
Vet Villa 1501 Manley Avenue	Sunday 7:30 PM	Carolina Dave 532-7712	Acceptance Tom G 530 7943
Charleston Vet. 8120 Millstone Dr, 29420	Monday 8:00 PM	Old Village Margret 991-0693	Carolina Rhett 323-7111
Charleston Center 5 Charleston Center Drive 29403	Saturday 7:00 PM	Riverland Terrace Teresa 442-9403	As Bill Sees It Joan 980-621-2664
Charleston Center	Tuesday 7:00 PM	High Noon Debbie 906-0977	Eustabafflous Martin 303- 3126
Charleston Center	Friday 7:00 PM	Folly Beach Katrina 460-4813	Oakbrook Penny 926 -7184
MUSC 67 President Street 29425	Thursday 7:30 PM	North Area Rob 822-4973	Riverland Terrace Teresa 442-9403
MUSC	Friday 7:30 PM	Grace@Grace Steve 327-1185	North Area Rob 822-4973
MUSC	Saturday 7:30 PM	Sea Breeze Mike 412-2850	Folly Beach  Katrina 460-4813
MUSC	Sunday 7:30 PM	Survivors Rhett 323-7111	Survivors Rhett 323-7111
Palmetto Center 2777 Speissegger Dr 29405	Sunday 8:00 PM	North Area Rob 822-4973	North Area Rob 822- 4973
Palmetto Center	Monday 8:00 PM	Pre Nooners Bill 323-0602	High Noon Debbie 906-0977
Palmetto Center	Tuesday 8:00 PM	Daily Reprieve Lisa 442-0918	S.O.S Jeff 803-360-5854
Palmetto Center	Friday 8:00 PM	S.O.S Jeff 803-360-5854	Old Village Margret 991-0693
Magdalene House 2658 Leeds Avenue	Wednesday 7:00 PM	Heritage 530-1086	Pre Nooners Bill 323-0602