

**CENTRAL BULLETIN
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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.

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 8 1/2 x 11 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.

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.

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.

A Prayer

(Based on Psalm 90)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

We thank thee for having brought us safely to this day of our lives and for having taught us to live one day at a time in thy work.

We pray that thou wilt guide our footsteps tomorrow, and help us as we help ourselves, help us as we help others to do thy will.

And we pray that thou wilt extend thy special mercy to afflicted as we have been but who have not yet been brought from darkness. Amen.

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 \$0.40.

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., 1200i 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, 8020 Euclid Ave., 8:30
Brooklyn, K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Rd., 8:30
Lee Road, 1637 Lee Road, 8:30
Collinwood, 14705 St. Clair Ave., 8:30
Women's, 12214 Detroit Ave., 8:30
Lorain, Ohio, Antlers Hotel, 8 :30

Thursday

Lee Road, 1637 Lee Road, 8:30
Avon Lake, 1112 K. 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, 8320 Euclid Ave., 8:30

Morning Meetings

Wednesday Mornings

Collinwood, 14707 St. Clair Ave., 10:00 A.M.

Thursday Mornings

Schmotzer's Hall, West 25th St., W. 25th and Erin Ave., 10:00 A.M.

1st Tuesday every month

Central Committee, 8920 Euclid Ave., 8:30

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.

RAINBOW ROOM

CARTER HOTEL

Sunday, November 8, 1942

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 \$0.40, including tax.