

DISTRICT 43 GROUPVINE

Unity | Service | Recovery

Things We Hear...

- John O.

Don't count the days, make the days count.

When you reach the bottom, stop digging.

Many of us reach our destiny, on the road we took to avoid it.

I would rather STEP on your toes than STAND on your grave.

There is a difference between digging a well and getting water.

Carry the Message, not the Mess.

Group News - Speakeasy

Speakeasy Men's Group (682810) began in December, 2005 and has been meeting on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Clara Barton Room on the 2nd floor at the DuPage Unitarian Church - 1828 Old Naperville Rd, Naperville, IL. 60563.

Speakeasy Men's group was created as an additional meeting from the Friday night men's group at the Unitarian Church, Bushwood. Meeting on Friday night was not always possible for some of the members. Sunday night has been a night where people had less scheduling conflicts. We changed the time of the meeting in January 2017 from 8:00 PM to 7:00 PM as the result of a "Group Conscious."

The group is a Men's "only" meeting where guys can go to get a sponsor, work the steps, and gather before or after the meeting. It is also not uncommon to meet in each other's homes during the week and for a meal before and after the meeting.

The only shared sentiment represented is that this meeting is solely attended by and for Men. We have varied the format over the years significantly. Some of our past formats include: reading AA books (The Big Book, 12X12, As Bill Sees it, Pass it On, Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers, and Emmet Fox's Sermon on the Mount), listening to speakers share their message, meditations after the meeting, and

listening to audio or watching videos of AA talks (like Bill W.). The group always decides the format.

The group started with 10 members all of which shared roles like chairing, being a GSR, managing the treasury and being the Grapevine representative. Most members that founded the group still attend regularly. The makeup of the group remains the same, any male with a desire to stop drinking. However, the average age of men in the group has shifted to men in their mid to late thirties/early forties. Ten years ago, the average age was that of men in their late 20s. Many of the members of the group have been sober over ten years, some as many as 30 years of continuous sobriety.

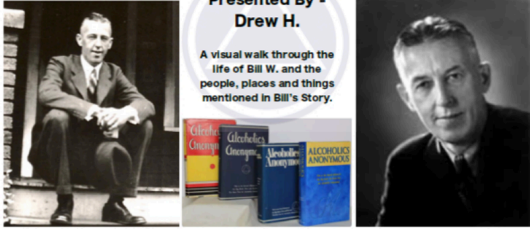
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 GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Archive's Committee Presents:
An evening with Bill W. in Pictures

November, 14th 7pm - 9pm Eastern Standard Time

4pm - 6pm PST. /- / 5pm - 7pm MST. /- / 6pm - 8pm CST
 9am - 11 am November, 15th - Sydney - New South Wales, Australia

Presented By - **Drew H.**
 A visual walk through the life of Bill W. and the people, places and things mentioned in Bill's Story.



Zoom meeting ID = 709-870-9964
Password: 225134

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What makes the group unique is that it always changes. People come and go, but there is a core of 5-8 that have been going for years. Plus, we vote on the format, chairperson and are not afraid to change. We welcome all men that have a desire to stop drinking.

And here's another request from Archives asking for help by: Filling in the blank

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 One Day at a Time was one of the three early meetings that had to leave Edwards hospital, which at the time was the epicenter of recovery in southwest DuPage County. This group moved to Central Baptist Church on Ellsworth from 3/1/89 to 8/2/89. The then moved to their final location at the 1 st Christian Church at 25 w 530 75 th St. The missing blank is: When did it close? Archives would like to talk to anyone who remembers this meeting.

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Remembering the 11th Month

Step: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for the knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Principle: Spirituality

Tradition: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Concept The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate director, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Promise: We will intuitively know how to handle situations with used to baffle us..

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