



June 2020

The Serenity Times

The monthly newsletter of the Darwin District

P.I. Update

There is no update.

T&CF News

There is no news.

12th Step Opportunities

24-hour AA Phone Line

To do a shift on the District's 24-hour AA Phone Line, contact the DDO.

12th Step Call Roster

To be placed on the District's 12th Step Call Roster, contact the DDO.

12th Step rosters

Due to COVID-19, the District's 12th Step rehab rosters are suspended for the time being.

Service Opportunities

Darwin District Office

To do a 3-hour shift at the DDO, contact the DDO.

Darwin District Committee

To nominate for a vacant Committee position, ask the Secretary to place your nomination on the agenda of the next quarterly meeting.

Deadline for the next issue

Please send your AA articles and news for the July issue to aa.darwin@bigpond.com by 21 June.

District bank balance

At 6 May 2020: \$6645.82
Prudent Reserve: \$4000

The words "Alcoholics Anonymous" are the registered trade mark of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia



Next meeting

Would you rather floss a croc than spend a Wednesday evening discussing the Darwin District's administration in minute detail?

Well, the Darwin District's quarterly meetings don't deal with minor administrative matters because the Groups have delegated all of the District's routine administrative decisions and tasks to the members of the District Committee, who run the District Office and simply submit a short report to the Groups each quarter. That way, at quarterly meetings of the District, the Groups can get on with the vital work of a District: designing and implementing the District's program of public information and cooperation with the professional community (PI&CPC).

In conformity with Traditions Two and Four, it is up to the AA Groups whether they attend the District's quarterly meetings, but if your Group would like to participate in the District's program of PI&CPC, send your Group's GSR to the next quarterly District meeting at **7:00pm on 3 June 2020 via Zoom.**

Annual Brown Bag Appeal

Groups are asked to send any surplus funds collected in the week of Founders' Day to the national office for the International Sponsorship Fund.



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Dr Bob S and Bill W, the co-founders of AA

Founders' Day

Bill W and Dr Bob S were both members of the Oxford Group when they met in Akron, Ohio in May 1935. Bill W took Dr Bob through the Oxford Group's spiritual program but Dr Bob could not stay sober. Though Dr Bob was impressed by the Oxford's Group's spiritual way of life, there was one thing he would not do: he would not make amends. Consequently he could not stay sober. On the morning of 10 June 1935, Dr Bob woke from his previous night's drinking session and went missing for many hours. Close to midnight, he returned home. Contrary to fears, Dr Bob had not been out drinking; he had been out seeking everyone he could find to whom he owed amends. Dr Bob never drank again.

Dr Bob's first sober day, 10 June 1935, is counted as the day AA was founded. Bill W and Dr Bob set to work helping other alcoholics and devised a 12-Step program of recovery. Four years later, the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* was published as a text which explained how alcoholics could recover from alcoholism through a spiritual awakening. Today, there are over 118,000 AA Groups and over two million AA members worldwide carrying AA's 12-Step spiritual solution for alcoholism to alcoholics.

Each year on 10 June, AA members around the world celebrate and give thanks for the founding of AA on a Spring day in Akron, Ohio in 1935.

Darwin District

The Darwin District serves the AA Groups in the Darwin District

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Next District meeting

The Darwin District meets on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 7:00pm

To join the mailing list

Contact the DDO

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