

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
NEWS SHEET



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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2012

A Message from Bill

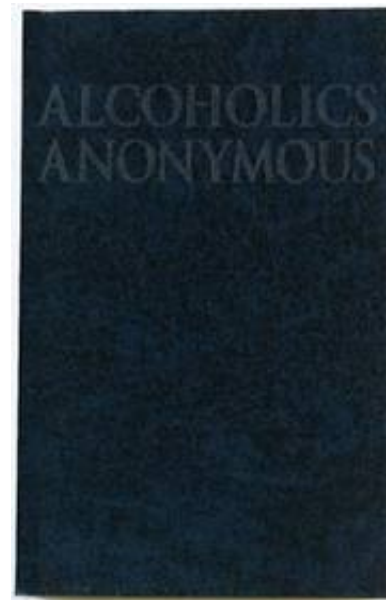
May 1964

Suppose, for instance, that, during the last twenty-five years, AA had never published any standard

literature—no book, no pamphlets. We need little imagination to see that by now our message would be hopelessly garbled.

**2.68 Tonnes
of the
Big Book
(Hard Back)**

**poured out to the fellowship from GSO
in the last 12 months.**



Our relations with medicine and religion would have become a shambles. To alcoholics generally we would today be a joke and the public would have thought us a riddle. Without its literature, AA would certainly have bogged down in a welter of controversy and disunity.

Nevertheless, effective literature was prepared, and in 1939 the publication of the Big Book became our very first world service. From that time on, it became perfectly clear what AA is, what it believes, and how it works. Millions of our pamphlets and hundreds of thousands of our books are today in circulation.

AA's message can never be garbled; anyone at all can find out about us with ease. What the dividends of this single project in world communication have been, only God himself knows.

Public Information Poster

“Conference invites members to design a new poster and present it to GSO before 31st Jan. 2013 and that the Board select an appropriate number for approval by Conference”.

GIVING OUT FREE LITERATURE

Next comes the question of whether A.A. as a whole should go in for what amounts to a money charity to individual newcomers and sponsors—via the selling of our books at cost or less. Up to now, we A.A.'s have strongly believed that money charity to the individual should not be a function of the A.A. as a whole. To illustrate: when a sponsor takes a new member in hand, he does not in the least expect that his group is going to pay the expenses he incurs while doing a Twelfth Step Job. The sponsor may give his prospect a suit of clothes, may get him a job or present him with an A.A. book. This sort of thing frequently happens and it is fine that it does. **But such charities are the responsibility of the sponsor and not the A.A. group itself.** If a sponsor cannot give or lend an A.A. book, one can be found in the library. It appears to be altogether clear that our world services need those book dollars far more than the buyers do.

Warranty 2 of Article 12, Twelve Concepts.

LITERATURE SALES

| | October 2011—September 2012 | Previous Year | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Big Book Hard Back | 3770 | 3480 | |
| Directory (Where to Find) | 6502 | 6768 | |
| AA Service Handbook | 550 | 506 | |
| 12 Step Wallet Card | 5380 | 5457 | |
| 12 & 12 Regular Edition | 1225 | 1086 | |
| Best of Bill | 422 | 421 | |
| Daily Reflections | 1864 | 1953 | |
| 12 & 12 Window Blinds | 46 | 48 | |
| | September 2012 | Year To Date | YTD Previous Year |
| Cash Sales | 7556.17 | 67462.22 | 64040.74 |
| CSO | 2181.99 | 15546.88 | 13490.03 |
| MC/DOG | 733.21 | 5393.76 | 3201.84 |
| All Ireland | | 2910.50 | 1763.77 |
| TOTAL | 10471.37 | 91213.36 | 82496.38 |

SERVICE WORKSHOP

Saturday, 24th November @ 7 p.m

Breaffy Suite, Breaffy House Hotel
Castlebar, Co Mayo.

All Members Welcome

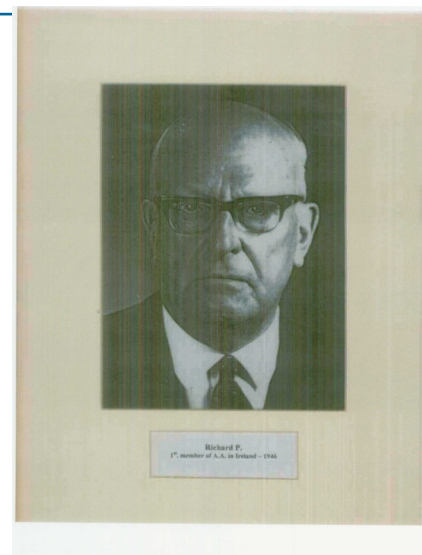


The first closed meeting of A.A. in Ireland took place on Monday the **18th**

November 1946.

Richard P. (see photo on right) was our first Irish member and stayed sober til in his death in 1982.

Conor F. (see photo on left) brought the message to Ireland from America, he himself an immigrant from Co Roscommon.



Mayflower Hotel



May 1935, Bill W finds himself alone and desperate. In order to stay sober he prays and then decides to try and help some one else. He makes a few phone calls. He rings Dr. Tunks whose number he finds in a minister's directory, in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel. Dr. Tunks gives Bill a list of names to contact. Bill finally rings Henrietta Seiberling.

“YOU COME RIGHT OUT HERE”

she says as Bill explains that he is a member of the Oxford Group and a “Rum Hound”. Henrietta had been trying to help Dr. Bob at the time with his drinking. Both were Oxford Group members like Bill. She answered Bill's prayer as Bill answered hers. The following day Bill met Dr. Bob for the first time.

Henrietta B. Seiberling



GROUPS PURCHASE OF LITERATURE

The purchase of our literature through GSO and CSO helps us remain self supporting through our own contributions. The matter is considered under Warranty 2 of Article 12 of the Twelve Concepts of World Service.

“Some of us have another concern, and this is related to the so called book “profits”. The fact that A.A. Headquarters and most of the groups sell books for more than they cost is thought to be spiritually bad, but is this sort of non commercial book income really profit after all? Bill goes on to say ”In my view it is not, this set income to the group sent to A.A.'s General Service is actually the sum of a great many contributions which the book buyers make to the general welfare of A.A. The certain and continuous solvency of our services rest squarely upon these contributions.

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| CONVENTIONS IRELAND | | ONE DAY EVENTS IRELAND | | CONVENTIONS ABROAD | |
|---|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Mayo Area | Nov 23-Nov 25 | Navan Annual Day of Celebration | Thurs, 27th Dec 2012 | 4th Annual Lanzarote | Jan 25– 27, 2013 |
| The Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo. 094-9044105 | | Pitch and Putt Club, Navan, Co Meath Starts at 11 am. €20 | | Barcelo Lanzarote Resort Hotel, Avd. Del Mar, 5, E-35508, Costa Teguisse, Lanzarote. www.aalanzarote.com/4thaaconvention | |
| Galway West | Jan 11-13th 2013 | Tyrone Area | Feb 9, Saturday | Paphos Gathering Cyprus | April 19– 21, 2013 |
| Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway Hotel Contact, Niamh 091– 520520 | | Silverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Rd, Omagh, Tyrone. | | Avanti Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus. www.aa-europe.net | |
| Waterford Area | Jan 18-Jan 20, 2013 |  | | 19th International AA Convention Greece | May 16-19, 2013 |
| The Grand Hotel, Tramore, Co Waterford 051-381414. HOW IT WORKS | | | | Anavyssos, Attica, Greece www.aa-europe.net | |
| Limerick Area | Feb 1– Feb 3 | | | 80th International AA Convention | |
| Carlton Castletroy Hotel, Limerick. TRADITION 5 | | | | July 2 –5th, 2015 | Atlanta, Georgia, USA |
| | | | | www.aa.org | |

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