

NOVEMBER 2019

Thursday Speakers

7th Mike L.

14th Wendi T.

21st Philo H.

28th Grant B.

Saturday Speakers

2nd **Jeremy L.** Step 4 Res.

9th Linda S. Step 4 Fear

16th **TBA** *
Step 4 Fear

23rd TBA *
Step 4 Sex

30th Carla R. Step 4 Sex

Tuesday Leaders

5th Brandon F. *

12th TBA *

19th TBA *

26th TBA *

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The Sunsise-Sunset Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

www.SunriseSunsetGroup.org

THE SUNSET GROUP 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks Thursday 7:00-8:30pm



THE SUNRISE GROUP BIG BOOK STEP STUDY SpiritWorks, 260 North Pass Avenue, Burbank Saturday 8:15-9:30am

THE SUNSET GROUP BIG BOOK STUDY 11031 Camarillo Street, North Hollywood Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm



Hazard and two other Oxford Group members were summering in Vermont in 1934 when they heard that an acquaintance, Edwin "Ebby" Thacher, a lifelong alcoholic, was incarcerated and being threatened with institutionalization. The three men sought him out, and shared their Oxford Group recovery experiences. Thacher was released to their care, and soon joined the Oxford Group, where he had his first extended period of sobriety in years.

(part 3)

After a couple of months of sobriety and acting on the core tenet of evangelism, Thacher called on the most self-destructive drinker he knew, his old friend and drinking buddy of more than 20 years, Bill Wilson. Like Hazard, Wilson was a New York City stockbroker; but the dire state of the U.S. economy during the 1930s, coupled with progressively serious alcohol abuse, left him unemployed. He spent most of his days at home drinking gin, and had been hospitalized four times for alcohol-related conditions in 1933-34.

In late November 1934, Thacher visited Wilson at his apartment in Brooklyn. To Wilson's surprise, his old friend refused to join him in a drink, saying something like: "I don't need it, I got religion." Thacher then related his story of being saved from institutionalization by the Oxford Group trio, and Jung's message about the vital spiritual experience. He also explained the Oxford Group's method of confessing of defects, admitting defeat, accepting help from a "higher power," making restitution, and providing service to others; Jung's recommended type of conversion was the result.

Later, Wilson came to Calvary Church in Manhattan to see for himself. He was very drunk when he arrived, so Thacher and others offered him coffee and a plate of beans to sober him up. (end part 3)

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You know you're a recovering alcoholic if:

- 1. Emails from your friends say HALT in the subject header.
- 2. Your idea of a smooth opening line is "I really liked what you shared."
- **3.** You don't know the last names of most of your friends.

Anonymous, July 2001

From "A Rabbit Walks into a Bar: Best Jokes & Cartoons from AA Grapevine"

The San Fernando Valley Central Office is at 16132 Sherman Way, Van Nuys CA 91406, 818-988-3001 (sfvaa.org). The Sunrise-Sunset Group and meetings are in District 17 (www.district17aa.org) of Area 93, Central California (www.area93.org).

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