

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Let's Be  
Friendly with Our Friends

Your Local A.A. Community

# A.A. in Your Community

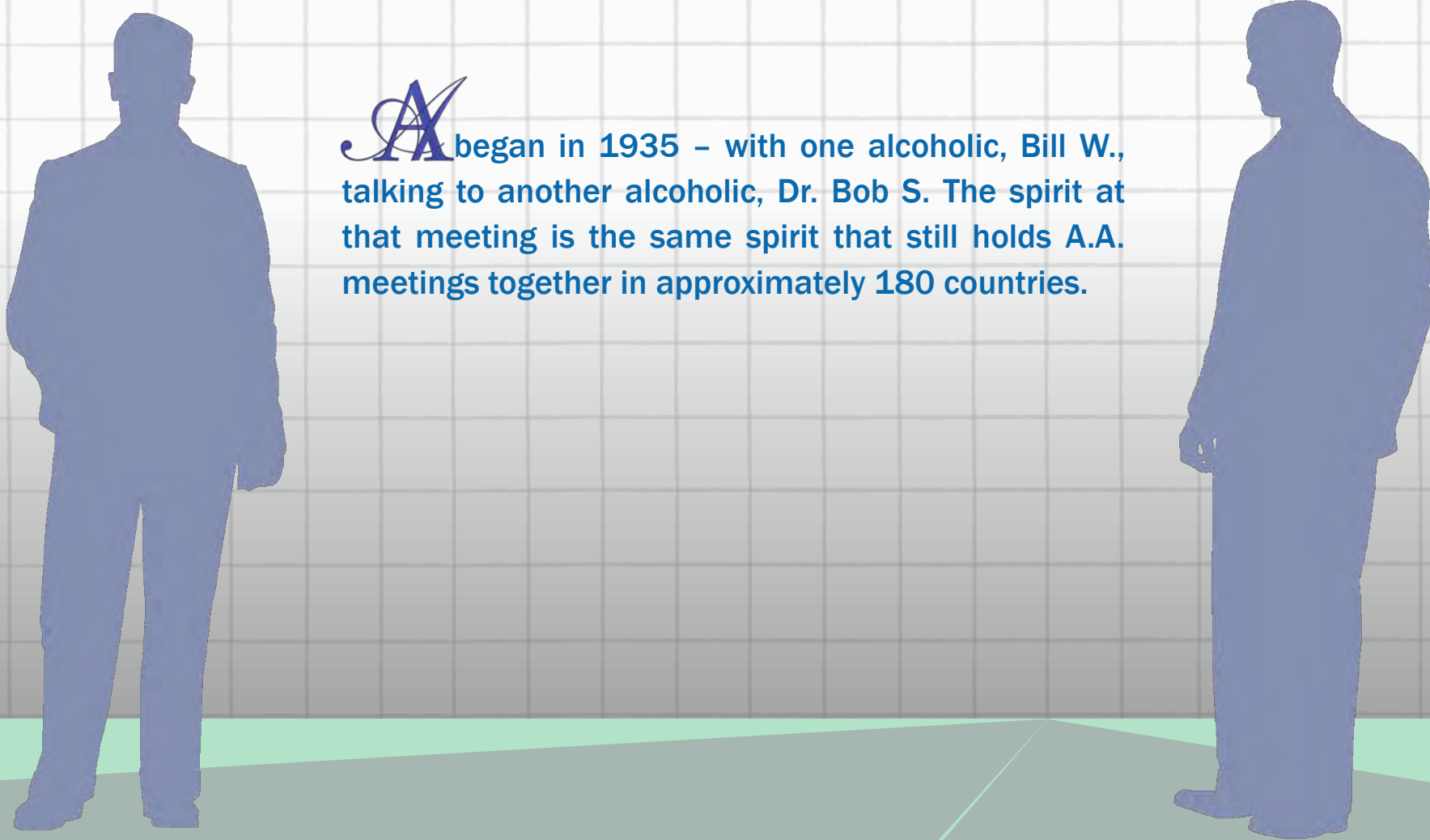
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# Some Facts About A.A.

The image features two blue silhouettes of men in suits standing on a stage. The man on the left is facing forward, and the man on the right is in profile, facing left. They are positioned on either side of a central text block. The background is a light blue grid pattern, and the floor is a dark blue gradient with a green spotlight effect under the men.

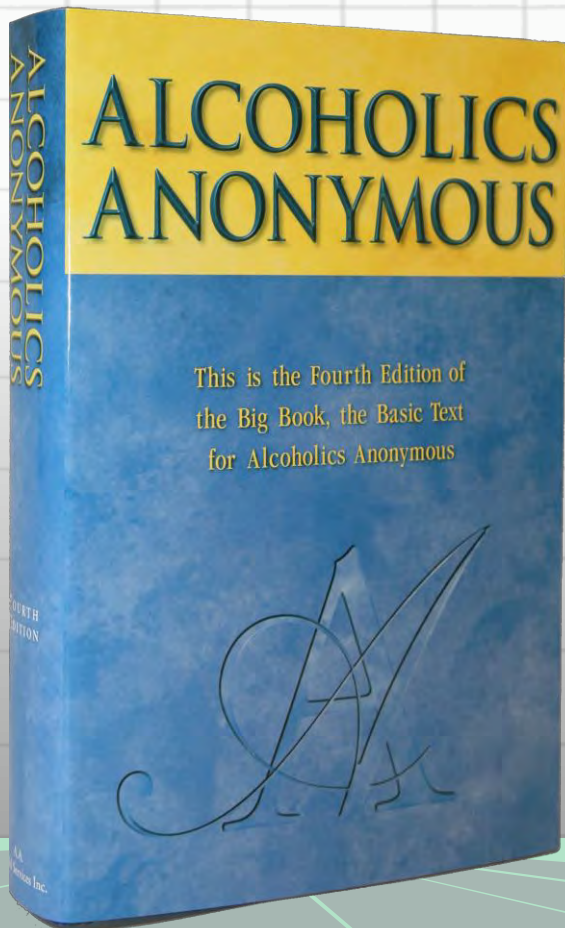
*A* began in 1935 - with one alcoholic, Bill W., talking to another alcoholic, Dr. Bob S. The spirit at that meeting is the same spirit that still holds A.A. meetings together in approximately 180 countries.

# The A.A. Program of Action

- ◎ A way to stop drinking and stay stopped
- ◎ A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps are the program of recovery
- ◎ The Steps are based on the experience of early A.A. members



# A.A.'s Spirit of Service



*A* members help other alcoholics in order to help themselves.

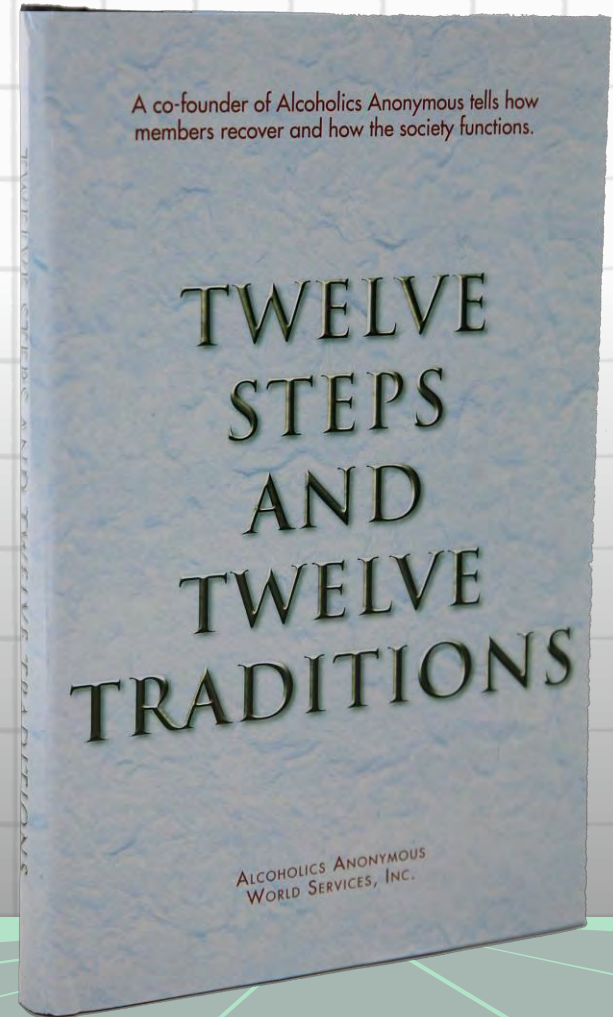
# A.A. Unity

**A.A.'s Twelve Traditions ensure unity and act as a guide for members, groups, and the Fellowship as a whole.**



# A.A.'s Twelve Traditions

*A* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.



# What Does A.A. Do?

- ⦿ **A.A. offers a Twelve Step program of recovery**
- ⦿ **Groups put on A.A. meetings**
- ⦿ **A.A. members share their experience**
- ⦿ **Local committees carry the A.A. message**



# What Does A.A. *Not* Do?

- ⊙ **Solicit members**
- ⊙ **Make medical diagnoses**
- ⊙ **Provide hospitalization or drugs**
- ⊙ **Keep attendance records/case histories**
- ⊙ **Offer religious services**
- ⊙ **Address prevention, treatment, advocacy or legislation**



# Singleness of Purpose

- ⊙ A.A.'s focus is on recovery from alcoholism
- ⊙ Anyone may observe *open* meetings
- ⊙ *Closed* meetings are for those with a *drinking* problem
- ⊙ Anyone with a desire to stop drinking may become an A.A. member
- ⊙ A.A. members bring meetings into correctional and treatment facilities

# Information for Professionals

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature

A Message to Corrections Professionals...

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If You are a Professional...

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AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional

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Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous

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Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?

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## Walking the Walk

Stationed far from home, and with drinking all around her, a newcomer calls up her AA tools to stay sober another day

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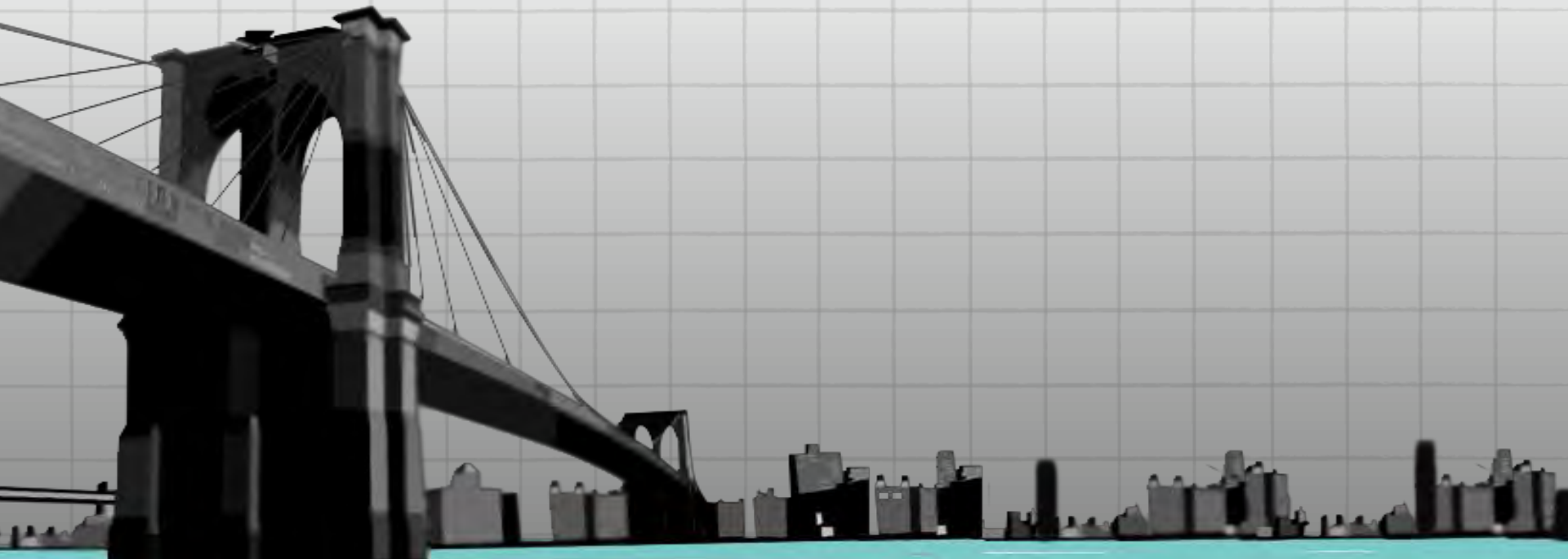
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## ¿RESENTIMIENTOS, Y ROTACIÓN?

# A.A. and Professionals

Mental Health Provider    Supervisor    Physician    Union Representative  
Clergy    Social Worker    Coach    Educator    Judge    Military Leader    Nurse  
Physician Assistant    Employee Assistance    Corrections Officer

**PROFESSIONAL**



# **Proof of Attendance at A.A. Meetings**

**Sometimes a referral source asks for proof of attendance at A.A. meetings.**

- ⊙ **Groups cooperate in different ways. There is no set procedure. The nature and extent of any group's involvement in this process is entirely up to the individual group.**
- ⊙ **Some groups with the consent of the prospective member, have an A.A. member acknowledge attendance on a slip that has been furnished by the referral source. The referred person is responsible for returning the proof of attendance.**

# How Can You Cooperate with A.A. to Help your Patients/Clients?

- ⦿ **Maintain contact with the local A.A. community**
- ⦿ **Observe open A.A. meetings**
- ⦿ **Read A.A. literature and view pages/videos on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) directed to professionals**
- ⦿ **Subscribe to *About A.A.* newsletter (free) / *Grapevine* or *La Viña* magazines (cost)**
- ⦿ **Contact the General Service Office to get connected with local A.A.s**



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Thank you!