The Beginnings
of Alcoholics Anonymous

Dr. Carl Jung

Prominent European psychiatrist who treated Rowland H. and told him his only hope for recovery was a vital spiritual experience

TREATS

Rowland H.

A well-to-do Rhode Islander who joined the Oxford Group seeking a spiritual experience to bring about his recovery from alcoholism

Rev. Walter Tunks

Answers Bill's call from the Mayflower Hotel, Bill seeks an alcoholic to help, and Tunks connects him with Henrietta Seiberling.

CALLS

Henrietta Seiberling

Oxford Group member in Akron. Daughter-in-law of the founder of the Goodyear Rubber Company. Connects Bill with Dr. Bob and hosts their meeting at the Seiberling Estate Gate House. Nurtured the fellowship, strongly advocating not to be shy on this matter of God.

LIVES AT

The Gate House of the Seiberling Estate

The location of Bill and Bob's first meeting. Dr. Bob told Anne he would only stay 15 minutes, and left more than 6 hours later.

CALLS

Anne S.

Dr. Bob's wife. Co-founder of Al-Anon. Anne was studied in the Oxford Group and shared her spiritual practice with Bill W.

SPOUSES

WHO LIVE AT

Dr. Bob S.

Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Akron based surgeon. Dr. Bob became a powerful 12-stepper.

BILL & DR. BOB LOOK FOR DRUNKS

Akron City Hospital

Hospital where Bill and Dr. Bob approach their first prospect.

TWELFTH STEP

Bill D.

AA #3. A well known attorney and city councilman in Akron. Was approached by Bill and Dr. Bob in Akron City Hospital and never drank again.

T. Henry & Clarace Williams

Akron Oxford Group members who opened their home for meetings.

GROUP GROWS

The King School

First public meeting location of the fellowship.

Ebby T.

An old Vermont school friend of Bill Wilson who was recruited to the Oxford Group by Rowland H. Was treated at Town's Hospital and twelfth stepped Bill W.

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Bill W.

Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Vermont-born New York stock broker. After having a spiritual experience in Towns Hospital, it occurred to him that there were thousands of hopeless alcoholics who might be glad to have this solution.

TAKES BUSINESS TRIP

CALLS

The Mayflower Hotel

When a business deal falls through in Akron, OH Bill desperately seeks an alcoholic to be of service to, calling the numbers on the church directory in the lobby.

855 Ardmore Ave.

Anne and Dr. Bob's home in Akron, OH. Bill stays with Anne and Dr. Bob in Dr. Bob's early sobriety.

17 Williams St.

Site of Honor Dealers in Newark, NJ where Hank and Bill worked with Ruth and the big book was transcribed.

Ruth Hock

Secretary at Honor Dealers who transcribes the big book for Bill.

COWORKERS

Hank P.

Honor Dealers co-business owner with Bill Wilson. Plays a critical role in the publication of the big book.

Dr. William Silkworth

Psysician at Towns Hospital who treated Ebby, Bill, and many other early members. Passed along the idea of the "disease model" of alcoholism. Suggests that Bill share his story, rather than preach about God. Contributed "The Doctor's Opinion" to the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

TREATS

EMPLOYS

Charles B. Towns

Owner of Towns Hospital. While Towns had no medical background he became a leader and reformer in the treatment of alcoholism sharing the idea of the "disease model" and "allergy" with his staff. Supported the birth of AA with resources and connections.

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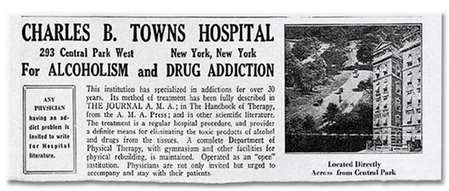

Charles B. Towns Hospital

A well known New York Hospital for the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction, founded by Charles B. Towns.

182 Clinton St.

Bill and Lois' home in New York. Where Ebby comes to visit. Later becomes a place for the Tuesday night meeting as well as a sort of half-way house.

Lois W.

Bill Wilson's wife. Co-founder of Al-Anon. Lois points out to Bill, that twelve step work was keeping him sober, even if it wasn't working for his prospects.

Rev. Dr. Sam Shoemaker

Rector at the Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City where Oxford Group meetings were held. Was instrumental in the sharing of spiritual principals (such as self-examination, acknowledgement of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others) which heavily influenced the AA program.

RECTOR AT

Cavalry Episcopal Church

Church where Reverend Shoemaker preached. Behind which was a resuce mission which hosted many Oxford Group Meetings.

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