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Built in 1915 at 855 Ardmore, this house was where Dr. Bob brought his bride in 1916; and where they lived for the next 34 years until their deaths: Anne in 1949 and Dr. Bob in 1950. It was here, in this humble home, that Dr. Bob was to take his incredible journey through the twelve steps and into history as the Founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. The twelve steps leading up to the front entrance are a symbolic, living monument to the courage, vision, and resolve of this man who forged the path for so many countless others. Several years after Dr. Bob's death, a small group of Akron AA members came together with the desire to preserve the site where Alcoholics Anonymous was born.

Since AA is prohibited by its traditions from purchasing property, it was decided that a non-profit foundation should be created to purchase and maintain Dr. Bob's home as a museum. In October of 1984, a contract was negotiated and Dr. Bob's Home was officially incorporated as a non-profit corporation while funding arrangements were made to complete the purchase of the home.

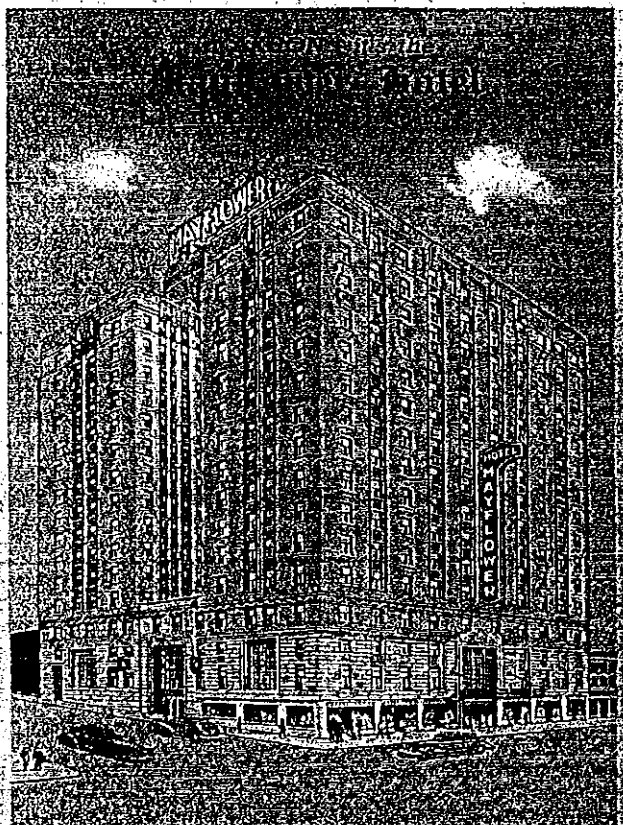
Through the years, continuous efforts have been made to both preserve and restore the original character of the home as it was when Dr. Bob resided there. Several pieces of the original furniture are now on display in the home.

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person. If you do not get a smile back, be welcoming anyway, and give it time.

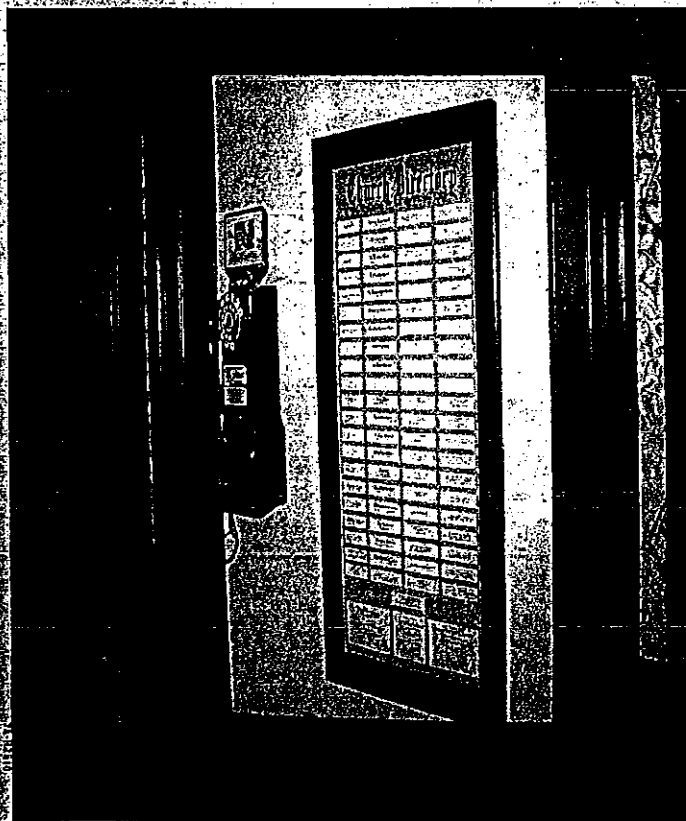
Perhaps you just came off a terrible drunken spree, you feel like the scum of the earth, and you think you have nothing to offer. That is where fellowship comes into play. You probably could use a friend right now. Now is not the time to slither in and slither out of a meeting. Many of us have been where you are. We old-timers need to be reminded of what it's like out there; and we are ready to welcome you here. Before and after the meetings is the best time to get some phone numbers, and if you need help getting to meetings reach out at every meeting until you find the help you need. Fellowship continues with a cup of coffee or maybe going somewhere for a burger after a meeting. When someone offers, say yes. For you old-times or you newbies who see a new person in the Fellowship, invite them out for coffee.

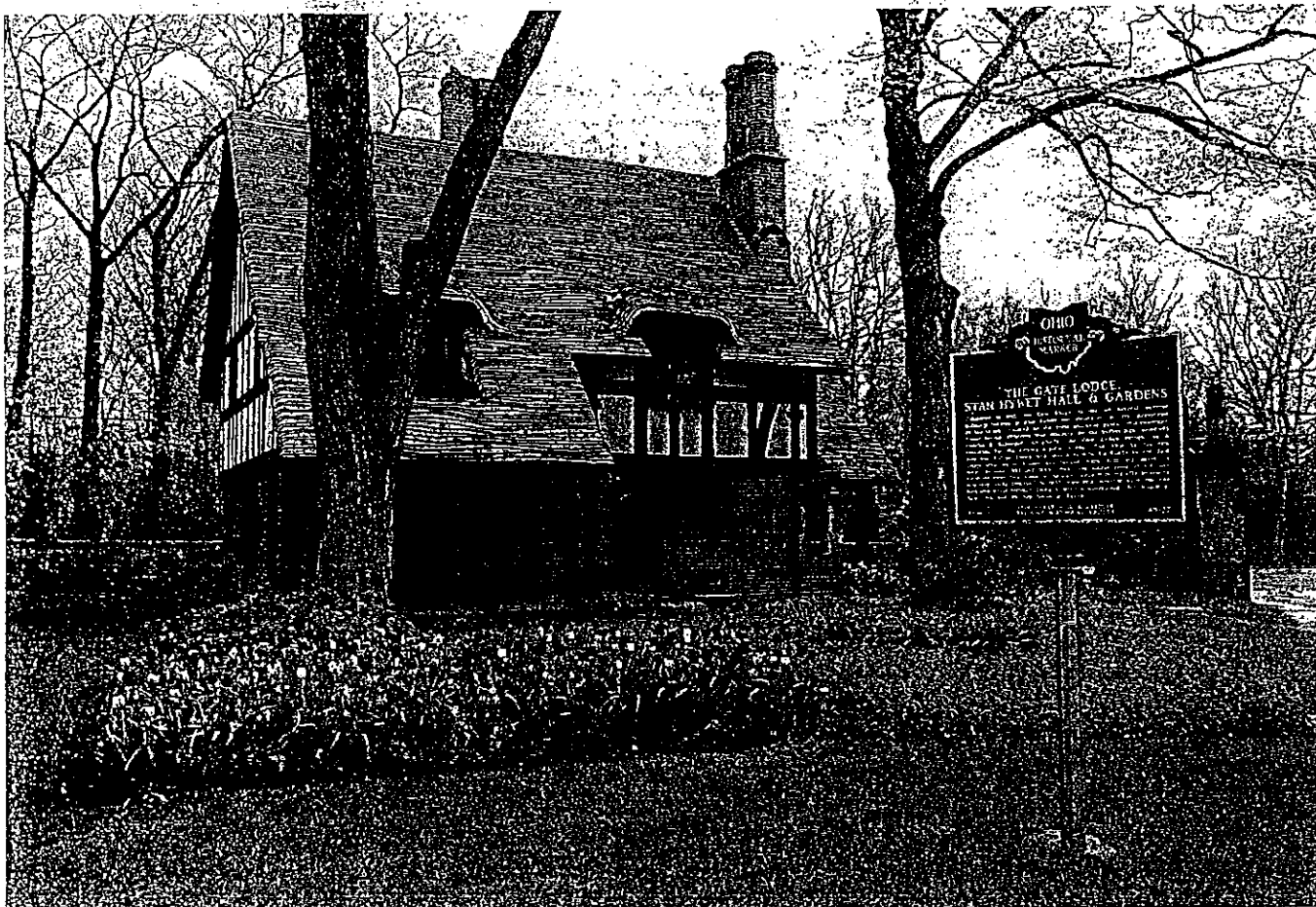
I have decided to end these articles each month with a suggestion of "What to do?" Here is this month's suggestions. (Second suggestion, the first one was in the preceding paragraph). If you attend a meeting that does not have the regular mailings from the Intergroup Office there to pass around on a regular basis, there is something wrong. The Intergroup mails out weekly announcements with lead sheets to every meeting if they have contact information. This newsletter is also sent to every group each month. If they are not being distributed, that means that whoever is receiving it is not bringing it in. Then again, the Intergroup Office might not have the correct contact information, and it needs to be updated. It is time for a group conscience, and someone needs to notify the Intergroup Office with the correct contact information. Sometimes things get lax at the group level. Occasionally a new person or two comes in and breathes new life into an old group. Service begins at the group level. Join a Home Group and Look for the Literature.



MAIN AT STATE STREET

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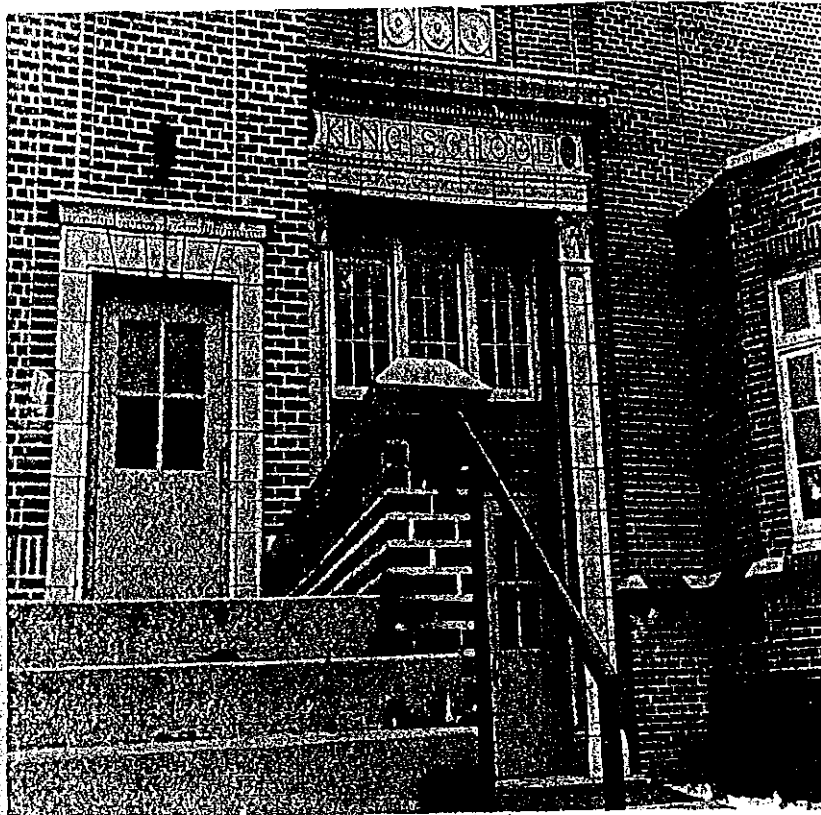
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### The Meeting

Henrietta Seiberling's involvement with the Oxford Group, a religious fellowship movement, confirmed her belief that ordinary people had the power to change their lives. On Mother's Day 1935, through mutual friendships, she brought together Mr. Bill W and Dr. Bob S, both admitted alcoholics. Their discussion in the Gate Lodge at Stan Hywet resulted in identifying the principles that were to become the cornerstone of Alcoholics Anonymous.

To commemorate this important meeting, the Gate Lodge now hosts a special exhibit celebrating and recounting this historic event. The legacy of the Gate Lodge is a never-ending source of inspiration for millions of people in AA.





## King School Then

The original school was built in 1923.

The new King Community Learning Center was built in 2014. The King School Group #1 moved back to King School in 2015.

And now.....

