



Token 3 Club Newsletter



Winter 2024

Volunteering at the Club

Summer and I are often thanked and congratulated for the appearance and operation of the Token 3 Club, but as passionate as we are, our efforts are less than the tip of the iceberg. We are also proud of our paid counter staff for all of their hard work and commitment.

The Token 3 Club could not survive and flourish as it has without the contributions made by the many volunteers that make it possible to provide the safe and welcoming space and services available every day at the Token 3 Club. There are too many volunteers to mention by name, and I'm afraid I would forget someone if I tried. Starting with our volunteer Board of Directors who provide excellent counsel, leadership, and guidance, there are multiple jobs filled by unpaid volunteers. They pick up debris in the parking lot, prepare the food for events, often do minor maintenance, work behind the counter, and clean the floors and furniture. Many volunteers straighten chairs, clean off tables, and leave the meeting rooms as neat and clean as they were before the meeting or better.

When I catch a volunteer helping, I try to remember to thank them for all of us who benefit from this extraordinary place that is critical to so many of us. Their contributions are just as necessary as the financial support that we receive from our many generous donors, which I will discuss another time. They allow us to stretch those financial contributions to provide more services, events, and opportunities for recovery to more of us seeking to treat and recover from our addictions. So, to all of you - Thank you.

- David Thomas, Executive Director

Upcoming Events

January

No upcoming January events

February

Thursday, February 1st

The Wall of Love Campaign Begins and runs through February 14

Sunday, February 11th - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Superbowl Chili Cook-Off

March

Saturday, March 2nd - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Pancake Fellowship Breakfast





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Token 3 Club...Peer to Peer HOPE HAPPENS HERE!

Throughout the year the Token 3 Club hosts many events. Our latest events at the T3C included the Halloween Costume Party, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Meeting Marathon, as well as New Year's Meeting Marathon. Our events provide a safe place for those in recovery to spend the holidays. I was repeatedly told throughout each of these events how much the Token 3 Club means to our community. One gentleman approached me during Thanksgiving dinner to share his gratitude for the Token 3 Club. He expressed to me that he would have had no place to go for Thanksgiving if the Club was not here.

This is just one story out of countless others who tell me daily that they consider the Token 3 Club their home away from home. I have seen many folks walk into our Club filled with fear and despair and after only a few hours of fellowship, they leave with a hopeful smile.

All of us at the Token 3 Club thank you for your love and continued support. You make hope possible. May your new year be filled with love, light, peace, and joy!

Assistant Executive Director, Summer Miller

Our Mission

To provide a safe and welcoming gathering place for 12-step recovery from addiction.

Our Vision

For our community and medical professionals, the Token 3 Club is the first place that comes to mind for recovery support by offering in-person meetings, events, recovery, and fellowship.

Executive Staff

Executive Director- David Thomas
Assistant Executive Director - Summer Miller

Board of Directors

Board Chair- Martha Eastman
Vice Chair- David Walker
Treasurer- Marc Joos
Secretary - McKenna Byerley

Directors:

Bruce Allen
Coleman Coffey
David Gray
Greg Shade
Janice Linker
Sally Thompson
Steve Roszell M.D.

Honorary Directors:

Elaine Musselman
George Raque M.D.

Fellowship

Check our website and follow our social media channels to stay updated on our current events.

www.token3club.com





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The Start of the Token 3 Club – Part 2

In 1949, the Token Club moved from the Vaughn Building at 3rd and Main to 439 Baxter Avenue. After adding a new room on the back of the building, fixing floors, cleaning up and painting, the club was touted as one of the finest clubrooms in the nation.

Once at Baxter Avenue, the Token Club issued membership cards. Records detail more than 270 members in the late 40s including Bill W. (no, not that Bill W. although Bill Wilson did speak at the club in 1960 in observance of A.A.'s 25th anniversary), Hilary S., Art L., William D. (who had a group named after him), Virginia L. and Sarah S.

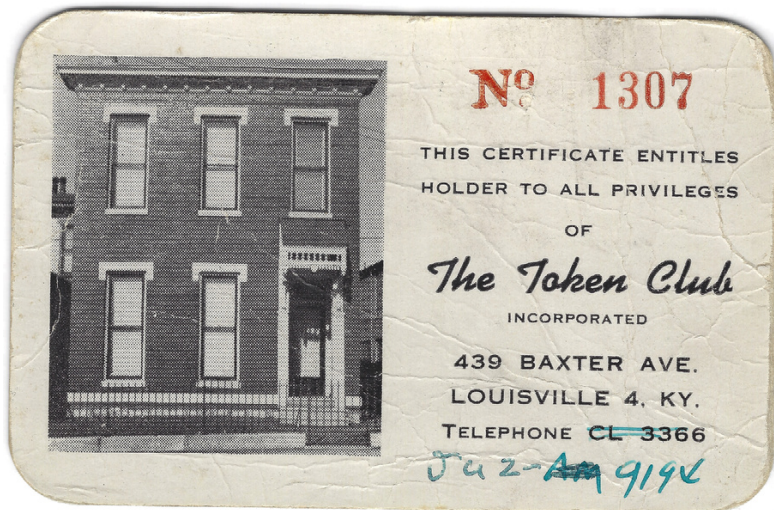
Trouble arose in 1951 when two slot machines were seized at the club. According to the newspaper, the club's president, Clifton W. Lemon, was charged with gambling for setting up and operating games of chance – two one-armed bandits and some chance jars. The police raided the club late on a Saturday night after receiving a complaint from a man who lost \$18 gambling at the club. It ended with someone named Al Sphire being arrested and fined \$90.00.

In April 1953 the Gateway, a newsletter published in Louisville from 1953 – 1963, noted that Henny L. was re-elected President of the Token Club Board, Jack S. re-elected as secretary-treasurer; and Tommy McG., Bennie W., Leon S., and Walt R. were elected directors.

This second location for the Token Club became a social outlet for the fellowship. The club had parties for Derby and Halloween to name a few, a lending library of A.A. and other books pertaining to Alcoholism or Alcoholics, Bingo and other activities. The Token Club stayed at this location through 1964.
More to come! Watch this space!!

Yours in Service,
JoAnn E., Mike H., and Linda M., from the Greater Louisville Intergroup Archives Committee

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You may scan the QR code or click donate to make your contribution to our Club. Every penny counts and will continue to support the Token 3 Club mission. Thank you!

