

Danby Mountain Group Alcoholics Anonymous

The group held its first meeting in the basement of the Holy Trinity Church on South Main Street in January 1984. The group was founded by a local store owner, a local building contractor, and another local resident who owned Vermont Beer & Wine Distributing. The meeting was attended by over one hundred people and has been held at 7:30PM on Wednesday evenings ever since, now at the Danby Congregational Church. Members' anniversaries are celebrated the Wednesday following the celebrant's sobriety date with a cake and an engraved coin. Two of the original members from the group still attends each week. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking; there are no dues or fees. According to the biography of Bill Wilson, co-founder of AA and a cousin of prominent 19th-century Danby resident Silas Griffith, Danby is the town where Wilson took his first drink.