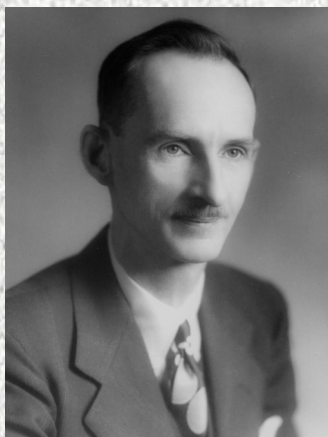


# 23rd National A. A. Archives Workshop CITY of RECOVERY TOUR

Hosted by  
General Services of Southeast Michigan  
Area 33 Archives Committee



*Archie T., Founder  
A.A. in Detroit*

## Thursday - September 5, 2019

Check-in: 9:00 am  
Departure: 9:30 am  
Return: 3:30 pm (approx.)

**Cost: \$60.00** (See NAAAW Workshop Registration Form)  
Bus Departs and Returns to Hotel St. Regis  
Box Lunch Provided  
Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

### Highlights

Tour narrated by Area 33 Archivist, Bill T. Visit historical A. A. landmarks in Detroit:

- Bethel Evangelical Church, now named Mayflower Missionary Baptist Church, where Reinhold Niebuhr, author of the Serenity Prayer, served as pastor from 1915-1928.
- First A.A. Club in Detroit, 1945.
- Location where a school teacher was arrested for drunk driving and later sent to A.A. by Judge George Murphy.
- Location of Archie T.'s apartment where the first A.A. meeting in Detroit was held. There were 5 people in attendance.
- Detroit Main Library where much of Detroit's A.A. history was researched for the Area 33 Archives.
- Location of Webster Hall where Dr. Bob gave his second talk in Detroit.
- Maccabee's Building-Radio Tower where the Uptown group met and the start of General Service in Detroit. Archie T. spoke there on Dec. 25, 1948.
- Masonic Temple where Archie T. spoke on Nov. 6, 1948 to 600 people at a sit down dinner on his 10th anniversary.
- Location of the Old Cass Tech High School (demolished in 2011) where Dr. Bob gave his last major talk on Nov. 7, 1948 in front of 3,000 attendees.
- Location of the first A.A. meeting held outside of the Bensons' basement and home of the first Detroit A.A. group, The Central Group.
- Location of an interracial A.A. group in Detroit started in 1943. The group was initially named the Interracial Group and later changed to the East Ferry Group. They met in the attic of the Women's Club.
- Home of the Bensons', a non-alcoholic couple who took Archie T. to Dr. Bob in Akron for help. Meetings were held in their basement when Archie T.'s apartment became overcrowded. Dr. Bob gave his first talk in Detroit here to an audience of 25 people in 1940.
- Woodlawn Cemetery, Archie T.'s burial site.
- Area 33 Office - Archives Repository