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The Scoop

Happy 82nd birthday Alcoholics Anonymous!



**Founder's Day- June 10,
1935**

June is kind of a big deal around here!

From silkworth.net:

Early June, Bill W moved to Dr Bob's house at the request of Anne Smith. Bill insisted on keeping two bottles of liquor in the kitchen to prove that he and Bob could live in the presence of liquor. Both worked with alcoholics and went to Oxford Group meetings on Wednesday nights. Eventually meetings were held at Dr Bob's house and moved to the Williams' house in late 1936 or early 1937.

Jun 10 (more likely Jun 17)[after a multi-day binge on the way to, and at, an AMA convention in Atlantic City, NJ, a drunken Dr Bob was picked up at his office nurse's house in Cuyahoga Falls. Bob went through a 3-day

sobering up period with Bill W's help. Scheduled for a surgery at City Hospital, Bob pronounced, "I am going through with this - I have placed both operation and myself in God's hands. I'm going to do what it takes to get sober and stay that way." Bill gave Bob a beer and a "goofball" to steady him prior to the surgery.

Jun 11 (more likely Jun 18), Dr Bob suggested that he and Bill W work with other alcoholics. A local Minister, J C Wright, provided them with a prospect. They tried in vain, throughout the summer, to sober up Edgar (Eddie) R (described as an "alcoholic atheist" and "able to produce a major crisis of some sort about every other day"). Eddie missed the chance to be AA #3.

Jun 28, Bill W, Dr Bob and Eddie R visited Bill D (Alcoholic Anonymous Number Three) at City Hospital. A prominent attorney in Akron, Bill D had been hospitalized 8 times in 1935 because of his drinking. Bill W and Bob visited Bill D every day. It took about 5 days for Bill D to say that he could not control his drinking. He checked out of the hospital on Jul 4 and within a

AVCO Steering Committee

The Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting, the following AA board members:

Chairman: Veronica H.
Co-Chairman: Bruce L.
Secretary: Leslie G.
Member At Large: Fred H.
Member At Large: Stephanie S.

The Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting is on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. All Alcoholics Anonymous members are welcome.

STEP SIX

The Scoop

What Is the Purpose of This Step?

Become fully prepared to rid yourself of the flaws listed in Step 4. This step reveals character and one's true willingness to recover.

Willingness

According to the *Oxford University Press*, *willingness* is defined as follows:

1. the quality or state of being prepared to do something; readiness.:

For those of us that actively work The Twelve Steps, this principle may seem a bit redundant, as we've just DONE something absolutely life changing, STEP FIVE. If that doesn't demonstrate willingness, I don't know what does. Stand by! What's to come?

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character." p. 59

While this step is encompassed in a mere two paragraphs in *The Big Book*, the principle behind it is ever expansive. The idea of "readiness" is telling, of the continuity that is living the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Without *willingness*, this "design for living" will not work!

The *12x12* states, "THIS is the Step that separates the men from the boys.' So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.'s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults—*without any reservations whatever*—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator." (63)

Suggested Sixth Step Prayer #1

Dear God, I am ready for Your help In removing from me the defects of character Which I now realize are an obstacle to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself & Guide me toward spiritual & mental health.

Suggested Sixth Step Prayer #2

God help me become willing to let go of all the things to which I still cling. Help me to be ready to let you remove all of these defects, that your will and purpose may take their place. AMEN

The Big Meeting in the Sky



***In honor of those members that
have went on before us:***

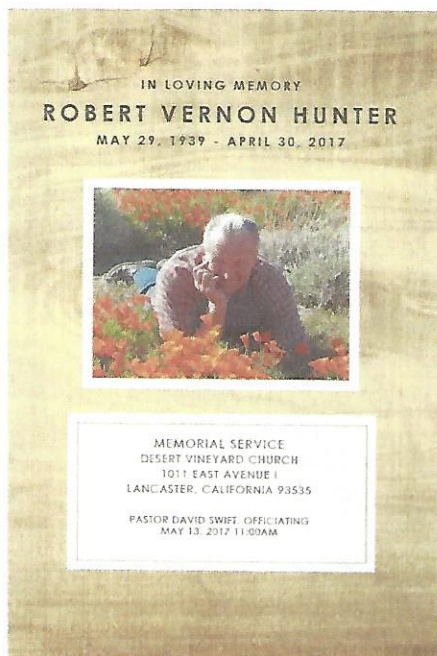
"Celebration of Life"
for
Glenn "Jay" Powell



*We lost our beloved father and friend on May
11th, 2017. Please join our family for a
"Celebration of Life" in his honor.*

Date: Wednesday, May 24th, 2017
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Location: The Alano Club
104 E Ave K-4
Lancaster, CA 93535

Please call 661-845-1111 with any questions.



What does the Sixth Step mean to you?

Contributed by Cesar M.

For me, the sixth step was about my character defects that I learned about earlier in 4th step. This step is about how to be willing for God to remove them and the short comings I made with them. I've learned through the steps that I was a character defect in my disease, and that I can be a character defect in my sobriety. We all get here to AA with some sad, mad stories to tell. And a lot of them stem from chaos relationships that we have been in. As the saying goes "hurt people hurt people"; I'm no different. The steps showed me in these type of relationships how my character defects would always get me drunk. I would hurt whoever I was seeing with my words or with my actions and then of course they would retaliate and do the same to me. You know, the name calling, the lies, the cheating. So then me being in pain, me being hurt, I would go get drunk. This was my solution to deal with the pain. At least of course until the next fight and then it would start all over again. It was a circle of madness that I couldn't or wouldn't get out of...

But because of the steps and being in recovery I've learned that today, we don't have to go through it, we grow through it. When it comes to relationships, dealing with someone who comes at me foul, or just trying to hurt me, it's because I'm in character defect mode. I don't get drunk over it. Well for me that's growth, that's recovery. But the real growth for me is when I don't retaliate with some character defects and instead I apply a spiritual principle. Now that's growing through it, that's recovery.

The 6th Tradition

***An AA group ought never
endorse, finance or lend the AA
name to any related facility or
outside enterprise, lest problems
of money, property and prestige***

***divert us from our primary
purpose. (12x12, p. 156)***

Editorial by Bill W. - A.A.

Grapevine, May 1948

The sixth of our 12 Points of A.A.

Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the A.A. movement to money and property.

Too detailed to print here, this Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an A.A. group must ever be on guard. Tradition 6 also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the A.A. name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the A.A. name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual A.A.s who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the A.A. movement to its sole aim and insure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that A.A. itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us. Thank God, we A.A.s have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have

often quarreled violently about money, property and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an A.A. group with a sizeable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bank roll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not A.A.?"

Of course, we of A.A. would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their life blood. But money is *not* the life blood of A.A. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The core of our A.A. procedure is "one alcoholic talking to another," whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all A.A. needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars a piece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, *our* expenses!

Nowadays, the A.A. group answers its well wishers saying, "Our expenses are trifling. As good

earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"
Bill W.

The A.A. Grapevine, May, 1948

**"NOT
A
GLUM
LOT"**



"Alcohol Warning!"

Due to increasing products liability litigation, beer manufacturers have accepted the FDA's suggestion that the following warning labels be placed immediately on all beer containers:

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol is a major factor in dancing like an asshole.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to tell the same boring story over and over again until your friends want to *SMASH YOUR HEAD IN*.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may cause you to thay shings like thish.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at four in the morning.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may leave you wondering what the hell happened to your pants.

WARNING: Consumption of alcohol may make you think you can logically converse with other

members of the opposite sex without spitting."

Quotable Quotes

The first step in forgiveness is the willingness to forgive.
Marianne Williamson

What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life. Leo Buscaglia
Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return. Peace Pilgrim

Where the willingness is great, the difficulties cannot be great.
Niccolo Machiavelli



I think our capacity for wholeheartedness can never be greater than our willingness to be broken-hearted. It means engaging with the world from a place of vulnerability and worthiness. Brene Brown

I simply do not think that yelling, swearing, threatening or belittling will get you to the place you want to be faster than kindness, understanding, patience and a little willingness to compromise. Rachel Nichols

WILLINGNESS Word Search

R Y Q S C C Y E E Y Z E S T H
 E T U S S E T N D C Z R S H E
 C I I E S L I T U O A P E J A
 E R C N E E D H T N G P N E R
 P C K I N R I U I S R G I C T
 T A N D T I P S T E E E D N I
 I L E A F T A I P N E N E A N
 V A S E I Y R A M T A I E R E
 I E S R W L R S O R B A P E S
 T Z X A S E P M R S L L S B S
 Y G A R D O R M P X E I F U G
 K E E N N E S S O U N T L X U
 S S E N R E G A E C E Y G E S
 M S N O I T I S O P S I D L T

WORD LIST

AGREEABLENESS
 ALACRITY ARDOR
 CELERITY COMPLIANCE
 CONSENT
 DISPOSITION EAGERNESS
 ENTHUSIASM
 EXUBERANCE GENIALITY
 HEARTINESS
 KEENNESS PREPAREDNESS
 PROMPTITUDE
 QUICKNESS RAPIDITY
 READINESS
 RECEPTIVITY SPEEDINESS
 SWIFTNESS
 ZEAL ZEST



Concept VI

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service

Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have. The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.’s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.’s “bankers,” overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.’s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.) Bill makes the point that although “our objective is always a spiritual one,” nevertheless our world service is a “large business operation.” “Indeed,” he says, “our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a ‘holding company.’ And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two ‘subsidiaries’ (A.A.W.S and the A.A. Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services. “This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.” *From “Twelve Concepts Illustrated”*

June 2017 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Apr '17	May '17	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$15,637.02	\$3,371.60	\$19,008.62
Expenses	(\$11,492.95)	(\$2,343.65)	(\$13,836.60)
Cost of Goods	(\$10,948.71)	(\$2,479.83)	(\$13,428.54)
Contributions	\$5,768.76	\$3,156.92	\$8,925.68

Net Income	(\$1,035.88)	\$1,705.04	\$669.16
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Contributions

Group	Jan - Apr '17	May '17	2017 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$100.00		\$100.00
A.M. Attitude Modification	\$107.84	\$1,706.67	\$1,814.51
A.V. Hospital ~ 2 West	\$0.00		\$0.00
A.V. Men's Stag Quartz Hill	\$404.48	\$52.00	\$456.48
A.V. H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
Alano Club Thursday Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Alano Club Wednesday Dare to be Different	\$0.00		\$0.00
Anonymous Donations	\$265.25	\$83.03	\$348.28
Any Lengths Group	\$55.00		\$55.00
Arbor Court Tuesday	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
A Women's Story	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday Celebrants	\$71.00	\$12.00	\$83.00
B.Y.O.C. A.V. Y.P.	\$0.00		\$0.00
Big Book Ladies Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
California City Clubhouse	\$451.80	\$190.00	\$641.80
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Founders Month	\$0.00		\$0.00
Friday Night Non-Smoker Sneaker Mtg	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$220.00
Fund Raiser Monthly 50/50	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert Big Book	\$697.41	\$576.22	\$1,273.63
High Desert Hospital Friday	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert Medical Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,009.00		\$1,009.00
Into Action	\$110.00		\$110.00
Lake Hughes Friday Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Men's Stag	\$214.00		\$214.00
Lake Hughes Monday Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Modification	\$795.65		\$795.65
Mojave Big Book Awakening	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mojave Group New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
P.M. Modification	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Group	\$112.73	\$307.00	\$419.73
Pearlblossom Group	\$360.00		\$360.00
Rosamond Thursday 7 Minutes to Sobriety	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sunday Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$175.00
Saturday Morning Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
SCV Sun Night Spkr	\$17.00		\$17.00
Stepping Stones	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sunday Night B.B.S. 7th Day Advent	\$0.00		\$0.00
The 10,11,12 Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
We Care	\$50.00		\$50.00
Wednesday Night BBS @ The Grange	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Group	\$40.00		\$40.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity Monday	\$252.00		\$252.00
TOTALS	\$5,056.16	\$3,156.92	\$8,213.08

BIRTHDAYS

Alex W.	6/22/2013	4	Natasha H.	6/8/2004	13
Bonnie S.	6/10/2013	4	Nick J.	6/24/2004	13
Brian H.	6/8/2013	4	Jim B.	6/17/2003	14
Carol F.	6/15/2013	4	Marc A.	6/23/2003	14
Carrie	6/3/2013	4	Veronica A.	6/9/2003	14
Deitrich V.	6/8/2013	4	Lisa B.	6/26/2002	15
Denise M.	6/25/2013	4	Noel P.	6/14/2002	15
Joni R.	6/10/2013	4	Pete S.	6/6/2002	15
Lance B.	6/6/2013	4	Terry B. C.	6/27/2002	15
Lauren C.	6/20/2013	4	Steve E.	6/4/2001	16
Leigh H.	6/1/2013	4	Dave S.	6/4/2000	17
Mark S.	6/30/2013	4	Dee R.	6/14/1999	18
Michael G.	6/1/2013	4	Don J.	6/2/1999	18
Mike H.	6/8/2013	4	Bill E.	6/15/1997	20
Paul W.	6/1/2013	4	Debbie B.	6/30/1997	20
Janie S.	6/30/2012	5	Dena B.	6/24/1997	20
Kim B.	6/5/2012	5	Iron Michael	6/2/1997	20
Raissa K.	6/4/2012	5	Karen C.	6/27/1996	21
Richard T.	6/18/2012	5	Dave C.	6/11/1995	22
Rick H.	6/15/2012	5	Patrick F.	6/25/1995	22
Rob T.	6/4/2012	5	Toni L.	6/8/1994	23
Alena	6/19/2011	6	Darnell B.	6/10/1993	24
Delores G.	6/14/2011	6	Linda S.	6/3/1993	24
Kathy T.	6/18/2011	6	Wanda	6/10/1993	24
Lisa B.	6/18/2011	6	Yolanda L.	6/8/1993	24
Lorri C.	6/27/2011	6	Claudia C.	6/8/1992	25
Rick S.	6/15/2011	6	Eileen K.	6/5/1992	25
Arlene C.	6/6/2010	7	Pat S.	6/12/1992	25
Eddie O.	6/25/2010	7	Dora W.	6/3/1991	26
Lisa C.	6/14/2010	7	Gerry B.	6/6/1991	26
Mary S.	6/24/2010	7	Harriet Castill	6/18/1991	26
Paul D.	6/8/2010	7	Ernie A.	6/29/1990	27
Amanda P.	6/3/2009	8	Roger J.	6/18/1990	27
Aminta C.	6/12/2009	8	Bob L.	6/3/1989	28
Lenny C.	6/12/2009	8	Bryce A.	6/18/1988	29
Mel M.	6/23/2009	8	Rick M.	6/22/1988	29
Terry M.	6/7/2009	8	Bill G.	6/2/1987	30
Dorothy B.	6/11/2008	9	Ron W.	6/27/1987	30
Keith H.	6/13/2008	9	Beth S.	6/14/1986	31
Ken H.	6/3/2008	9	Janie R.	6/9/1986	31
Sandy	6/2/2008	9	Jim M.	6/20/1986	31
Will F.	6/9/2008	9	Tom C.	6/15/1985	32
Beverly R.	6/8/2007	10	Chris B.	6/1/1983	34
Jamie A.	6/11/2007	10	Randy W.	6/22/1982	34
Julie B.	6/11/2007	10	Bill J.	6/26/1981	35
Tom L.	6/11/2007	10	Bruce L.	6/20/1981	36
Carolyn B.	6/30/2006	11	Cookie H.	6/3/1981	36
Kelly F.	6/11/2006	11	Maree B.	6/8/1981	36
Mike D.G.	6/25/2006	11	Elizabeth I.	6/10/1980	37
Jimi A.	6/6/2005	12	Mike L.	6/11/1979	38
Sterling S.	6/19/2005	12	Russ D.	6/15/1975	42
Amanda H.	6/24/2004	13	Ron M.	6/28/1973	44
Charles P.	6/28/2004	13	Robert E.	6/10/1971	46
Cora W.	6/13/2004	13	Carol P.	6/1/1968	49
Lacy F.	6/8/2004	13	Don Crandall	6/28/1967	50
Lori F.	6/17/2004	13	Ted Summers	6/16/1965	52
Lori E.	6/17/2004	13	Eddie Wilson	6/16/1961	56
Total Years = 1,985					

Managers Corner

This is Founder's Month ~ Please remember to support our Central Office! There are many changes happening - we are now a non-profit corporation and tackling issues to make our office better - your suggestions are welcomed!

Curious about Central Office specific expenses and bank balances, etc? Ask your Intergroup Representative to see the monthly report! Your group doesn't have an Intergroup Rep? Be one!!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Barbie Q.
- 2nd ~ Darin F. & Alonna T.
- 3rd ~ Stephanie S. & Mike B.
- 4th ~ Judie M. & Christine B.
- 5th ~ Christine F. & Wendy W.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

