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# The Scoop

**Hi, my name is** Dylan ,  
and I'm an alcoholic.

My story starts early, I had my first drink at 12 years old. I didn't know it then, but that moment would mark the beginning of a long, painful journey. Drinking gave me something I felt like I was missing it gave me an escape, a false sense of control. But what started as fun quickly became a necessity. I chased that feeling until it consumed everything in my life.

As the illness progressed, so did my selfishness and self-centeredness. I stole from my own family. I lied to the people who loved me most and took advantage of their unconditional love. I used everyone around me to feed my addiction. And when the consequences came, I ran — straight into jails, institutions, and eventually, the streets. There were times I didn't want to wake up. I had lost all hope and all sense of who I was.

I came into AA broken — physically, mentally, and spiritually. I didn't believe it would work for me, but I had nothing left to lose. I got a sponsor, started working the 12 steps, and little by little, I began to change. I had a spiritual experience — not some burning bush moment, but a deep shift in

the way I saw the world and myself. I stopped trying to control everything and started giving myself to this program. The biggest gift AA has given me is the ability to help others — to be of service, to carry the message, to walk with people the same way others walked with me. Today, I don't have to live in guilt and shame. I get to live in honesty, connection, and purpose.

I'm sober today because i follow those who follow the book and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. And for that, I'm deeply grateful.  
A.A. 2021

By: Dylan.A.A., 2021

## Five Dollars

As a member of Intergroup I see the danger of us having to close our Central Office doors. Contributions are down and I wonder why. I know times are hard but that Starbucks line is still long. Eating out is still happening. And the daily desires that we fulfill are money spent. Before A.A. I didn't have money, a job, a home, and most important the freedom to not spend my money on Alcohol. For the reason I put money in the basket and I do most of the time \$5.00. Why, because this

program saved my life. I am also a Faithful Fiver.

Did you know that if every member gave \$5.00 a month A.A. would have everything it need to spread the message that saved us all. When I was new a member said if you got money for cigarettes and a cell phone you have something to put in the basket- and how true that is. I understand struggles but I also understand what having faith in a Higher Power can do in the midst of struggles. Our Central office is struggling so please show your gratitude to A.A. by contributing- Let's start giving instead of still taking.

Tradition 7 fosters a sense of accountability among the members who contribute what they can according to their ability and willingness.

By: Michelle A.A.

#### **IN MEMORY OF STACEY W.**



**SOBER SINCE 10/1/1987**

#### **IN MEMORY OF CINDY B.**



**SOBER SINCE 7/1/2017**

## **Calendar of Events**

### *Central Office Intergroup*

*Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm*

*Roundup Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*

*each month @5:30, Grange*

*H&I Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each*

*month @10am, Friends of Bill*

*District 7 Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday*

*each month @ 6:30, Grange Hall*

*Area 4 DCM Session, June 14<sup>th</sup>*

*@4pm, 33201 Aqua Dulce*

*Canyon Road, Women's Club*

*Rafters Fare Fundraiser, June*

*20<sup>th</sup> @5pm, 24307 Railroad*

*Avenue*

*Take Your Sponsor to Breakfast,*

*June 28<sup>th</sup> @9am, 3334 West*

*Avenue K, Rawley Duntley Park*

*Movie Night, June 28<sup>th</sup> @730*

*pm, 41843 50<sup>th</sup> West, Quartz Hill*

## **Step 6**

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

"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.

Of course, the often disputed question of whether God can—and will, under certain conditions—remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this:

"Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn't work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn't stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished. It was lifted right out of me."

In A.A. meetings all over the world, statements just like this are heard daily. It is plain for everybody to see that each sober A.A. member has been granted a release from this very obstinate and potentially fatal obsession. So in a very complete and literal way, all A.A.'s have "become entirely ready" to have God remove the mania for alcohol from their lives. And God has proceeded to do exactly that.

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition

***“Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”***

“Shoemaker, stick to thy last!” . . . better do one thing supremely well than many badly. That is the central theme of this Tradition. Around it our Society gathers in unity. The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle.

Alcoholics Anonymous can be likened to a group of physicians who might find a cure for cancer, and upon whose concerted work would depend the answer for sufferers of this disease. True, each physician in such a group might have his own specialty. Every doctor concerned would at time wish he could devote himself to his chosen field rather than work only with the group. But once these men had hit upon a cure, once it became apparent that only by their united effort could this be accomplished, then all of them would feel bound to devote themselves solely to the relief of cancer. In the radiance of such a miraculous discovery, any doctor would set his other ambitions aside, at whatever personal cost.

Just as firmly bound by obligation are the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, who have demonstrated that they can help problem drinkers as others seldom can. The unique ability of each A.A. to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends

upon his learning eloquence, or on any special individual skills. The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from God, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today animates A.A.’s all around the globe.

### Sixth Concept:

*The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.*

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 AA Grapevine, Inc. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.)

### *WordPuzzle*

G	N	Q	T	C	S	H	O	K	R	G
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C	O	M	P	L	E	T	E	B	H	F
W	A	B	U	N	D	A	N	C	E	G
Q	X	P	W	Y	W	H	I	J	S	A
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REPEATEDLY, CAPABLE, WAY, CAN, WILL,  
STATEMENT, OWN, CHANGE, CLERGYMEN,  
COMPLETE, MANIA, OF GOD, ABUNDANCE