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AA in the AV 18

by Bruce L.
District 7 Archivist

Our anonymous author, who had just learned Rule 62 regarding no one being allowed to stay in the AA house on Lancaster Boulevard, has another memory about the treasury.

The treasury was an old paper bag and every month Linc would get volunteers to count all the pennies 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ + dollars.

"The treasury was an old paper bag and every month Linc would get volunteers to count out the pennies, 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ + dollar. After the count was done if we needed more money the people who were employed split the amount due between them. The system worked fine until we elected a business woman "Treasurer" and she found out about it and expressed her indignation to everyone who would listen. The lesson I learned was the damage that Money Power & Prestige could do to the Unity & Recovery in a group." **(to be continued)**

Cathedral Steps

A poem by Jessica C., 06-13-20

When One forgets who One may be Questions, reactions, motives and intent
Memories come in flickers of feelings along the roller coaster of unexpected life
Conversations shared down through the walls and corridors
Anxiety quickens worries and thy fears Steady pace the anger- tide flow breath
gently in; accompany strife on my side
My only worry is renting space too much for me?
On my side I may have bargained but need not no more
Out upon release I take back my life and my power of choice
A voice for myself
Voice for the day
Voice for the future
I will not quiet or stray
Responsibility of given path
Open-mindedness, willingness to try something new.

Step 3

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

Quotable Quotes

Heard in the Zooms of the AV and Beyond...

- #1 "If you want to make an amends, you'll find a way! If you don't, you'll find an excuse." ~Dr. Paul O.
- #2 "Struggle is proof you haven't been conquered."
- #3 "Humility, expressed by anonymity is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have." ~ Bill W.
- #4 "There's nothing God likes to hear more than a strange voice." ~ Sister Ignatia
- #5 "Your misfortune has become your good fortune. You AA's are a privileged people." ~ Bill W – *Grapevine 1946*
- #6 "It doesn't say practice personalities."
- #7 "There is no spiritual angle. It's a spiritual program!" ~ Dr. Bob
- #8 "When we are wrong, make us willing to change. When we are right, make us easy to live with."
- #9 "I found 3 loopholes in the Big Book; me, myself and I."
- #10 "Made a decision to turn my bills and my wife over to the care of God."
- #11 "Turn your will and your life over to someone who will take it. The good news is that your life will no longer be run by an idiot!" ~Oldtimer
- #12 "I have to think about not thinking; think about that!"

Tradition 3 "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

"THIS Tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, "You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you A.A." -*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*

Concept 3 – Twelve Concepts of World Service

"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Word Search



DECISION	DEPENDENCE	DESIRE															
FAITH	MEMBERSHIP	PROVIDENCE															
REQUIREMENT	TOLERANCE	WILLINGNESS															
N	W	U	N	B	L	R	O	K	S	T	O	I	W	V	M	O	N
N	W	E	L	F	U	P	F	W	N	G	N	A	J	E	H	J	W
M	C	V	U	M	Z	Y	L	E	G	J	M	S	X	R	D	F	F
H	J	A	F	F	M	E	M	B	E	R	S	H	I	P	E	X	Y
P	R	O	V	I	D	E	N	C	E	I	E	Y	C	X	C	O	Q
G	N	T	K	F	R	S	S	E	N	G	N	I	L	L	I	W	Z
Y	O	V	O	I	M	S	O	W	Y	E	O	L	J	X	S	M	V
K	X	Q	U	L	V	Y	O	V	C	K	T	P	L	T	I	C	T
V	M	Q	P	U	E	J	B	N	K	H	F	P	N	Z	O	B	U
L	E	R	L	R	O	R	E	B	P	Z	N	N	Y	X	N	G	L
R	G	K	W	Y	U	D	A	K	N	N	U	N	O	Y	G	E	P
D	V	C	M	X	N	H	H	N	Z	M	B	R	A	R	T	R	F
D	E	D	W	E	Z	J	T	L	C	R	B	D	F	X	P	Z	F
S	A	S	P	T	V	A	W	I	H	E	T	L	I	Q	Z	H	B
T	S	E	I	Y	B	Q	Z	K	A	P	I	X	P	T	P	K	S
T	D	S	R	R	U	Q	Z	X	E	F	P	K	C	Q	E	Z	Y
E	G	Z	L	O	E	X	C	M	B	V	Q	V	R	J	Z	D	W
G	B	C	Q	P	I	R	N	E	U	F	S	O	J	G	X	R	K



Tradition Three

Grapevine, February 1948

The Third Tradition is a sweeping statement indeed; it takes in a lot of territory. Some people might think it too idealistic to be practical. It tells every alcoholic in the world that he may become, and remain, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous so long as he says so. In short, Alcoholics Anonymous has no membership rule.

Why is this so? Our answer is simple and practical. Even in self-protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the fellow alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform either to the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that; every member of Alcoholics Anonymous was once a rebel himself. Hence we cannot offer to meet him at any halfway mark. We must enter the dark cave where he is and show him that we understand. We realize that he is altogether too weak and confused to jump hurdles. If we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied his priceless opportunity.

So when he asks, "Are there any conditions?" we joyfully reply, "No, not a one." When skeptically he comes back saying, "But certainly there must be things that I have to do and believe," we quickly answer, "In Alcoholics Anonymous there are no musts." Cynically, perhaps, he then inquires, "What is this all going to cost me?" We are able to laugh and say, "Nothing at all, there are no fees and dues." Thus, in a brief hour, is our friend disarmed of his suspicion and rebellion. His eyes begin to open on a new world of friendship and understanding. Bankrupt idealist that he has been, his ideal is no longer a dream. After years of lonely search it now stands revealed. The reality of Alcoholics Anonymous bursts upon him. For Alcoholics Anonymous is saying, "We have something priceless to give, if only you will receive." That is all. But to our new friend, it is everything. Without more ado, he becomes one of us.

Our membership Tradition does contain, however, one vitally important qualification. That qualification relates to the use of our name, Alcoholics Anonymous. We believe that any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. Here our purpose is clear and unequivocal. For obvious reasons we wish the name Alcoholics Anonymous to be used only in connection with straight AA activities. One can think of no AA member who would like, for example, to see the formation of "dry" AA groups, "wet" AA groups, communist AA groups. Few, if any, would wish our groups to be designated by religious denominations. We cannot lend the AA name, even indirectly, to other activities, however worthy. If we do so we shall become hopelessly compromised and divided. We think that AA should offer its experience to the whole world for whatever use can be made of it. But not its name. Nothing could be more certain.

Let us of AA therefore resolve that we shall always be inclusive and never exclusive, offering all we have to all, save our title. May all barriers be thus leveled, may our unity thus be preserved. And may God grant us a long life — and a useful one!

How Do I Make a Contribution to AV Intergroup?

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Or, visit
www.avcentraloffice.org
for the link to AV Intergroup
on PayPal

Excerpt from As Bill Sees It

280 Spiritually Fit – Assuming we are spiritually fit, we can do all sorts of things alcoholics are not supposed to do. People have said we must not go where liquor is served; we must not have it in our homes; we must shun friends who drink; we must avoid moving pictures which show drinking scenes; we must not go into bars; our friends must hide their bottles if we go to their houses; we mustn't think or be reminded about alcohol at all. Our experience shows that this is not necessarily so.

We meet these conditions every day. An alcoholic who cannot meet them still has an alcoholic mind; there is something the matter with his spiritual status. His only chance for sobriety would be some place like the Greenland Ice Cap, and even there an Eskimo might turn up with a bottle of scotch and ruin everything!

Alcoholics Anonymous, PP. 100-101



Upcoming Events

AV Intergroup Meeting

When: Thurs. March 4, 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Code: 839 3817 5299 PW: 812426

54th PRAASA

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

When: March 5-7, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Register at: www.praasa.org

San Diego Spring Round-up

When: April 1-4, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Register at: <http://www.sandiegospringroundup.com> **3**

March 2021 Office Manager Report

	Jan '21	Feb '21	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$1,537.22	\$1,612.57	\$3,149.79
Expenses	(\$1,362.39)	(\$1,097.19)	(\$2,459.58)
Cost of Goods	\$0.00	(\$1,686.95)	(\$1,686.95)
Contributions	\$2,367.84	\$3,428.54	\$5,796.38
Net Income	\$2,542.67	\$2,256.97	\$4,799.64



Contributions

Group	Jan '21	Feb '21	2021 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM Mod	\$573.25		\$573.25
Anonymous	\$346.59	\$514.00	\$860.59
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$350.00	\$460.00	\$810.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$83.00		\$83.00
Came to Believe	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Daily Reflection	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different	\$0.00		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$70.00	\$10.00	\$80.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00	\$1,504.80	\$1,504.80
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Last Call	\$0.00		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$693.00		\$693.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery at the Ranch	\$102.00		\$102.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps Workshop	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00

Tim Y.	3/2/2016	5	Jim G.	3/17/2004	17
Cynthia J.	3/6/2016	5	JoDee L.	3/14/2004	17
Teresa K.	3/10/2015	6	Nancy H.	3/12/2004	17
Leslie G.	3/26/2014	7	William	3/23/2003	18
Amy D.	3/7/2014	7	Marcus H.	3/22/2002	19
C. Bobo	3/11/2013	8	Oscar G.	3/20/2001	20
Mike S.	3/22/2013	8	Sandy M.	3/22/2001	20
Anthony	3/15/2012	9	Troy D.	3/27/1998	23
Colleen E.	3/28/2012	9	Chris G.	3/21/1997	24
Kat H.	3/30/2012	9	Janice M.	3/14/1997	24
Nicholas S.	3/15/2012	9	Patti	3/27/1997	24
Ron L.	3/12/2012	9	Paul O.	3/4/1997	24
Thomas D.	3/28/2012	9	Diane M.	3/29/1996	25
Jessie M.	3/2/2011	10	Janine B.	3/29/1996	25
Ellie	3/6/2011	10	Juliet K.	3/7/1996	25
Marv A.	3/6/2011	10	David W.	3/29/1995	26
Deborah C.	3/15/2011	10	Sarah G.	3/18/1994	27
Karen D.	3/18/2011	10	Ivrina K.	3/9/1993	28
Maile S.	3/19/2011	10	Yvette L.	3/1/1993	28
Ann W.	3/17/2010	11	Kathryn O.	3/1/1992	29
Chris	3/3/2010	11	Jerry G.	3/20/1991	30
Chrissy	3/3/2010	11	Louis G.	3/3/1991	30
Ira	3/1/2010	11	Deb W.	3/2/1990	31
Maureen B.	3/21/2010	11	Jim P.	3/4/1990	31
Paul H.	3/13/2010	11	Gayle C.	3/26/1989	32
Allen A.	3/28/2009	12	Keith C.	3/17/1989	32
Brent S.	3/26/2009	12	Owen L.	3/10/1989	32
Carri I.	3/9/2009	12	Robert W.	3/17/1989	32
Cielita O.	3/16/2009	12	Don H.	3/15/1985	36
Brent S.	3/26/2009	12	Mario S.	3/17/1985	36
Joe S.	3/29/2009	12	Robert K.	3/10/1985	36
Keith M.	3/13/2009	12	Trisha	3/28/1984	37
Brandon D.	3/28/2008	13	Jim S.	3/27/1983	38
Clinton	3/23/2008	13	Pat C.	3/20/1983	38
Josh C.	3/16/2008	13	Robin W.	3/9/1983	38
Kamrvn	3/9/2008	13	Terry H.	3/6/1983	38
Rosemary N.	3/6/2008	13	Jose	3/5/1982	39
Brandy Q.	3/12/2007	14	Mary B.	3/21/1982	39
Christi N.	3/15/2007	14	Uncle Andy	3/1/1982	39
Johnny P.	3/26/2007	14	John G.	3/19/1981	40
Latasha W.	3/6/2007	14	Richard Ross	3/28/1981	40
Lavern C.	3/8/2007	14	Roy Y.	3/3/1980	41
Louis D.	3/28/2007	14	Bob D.	3/9/1978	43
Paul D.	3/18/2007	14	Jackie O.	3/1/1978	43
Samantha W.	3/20/2007	14	Mike A.	3/5/1978	43
Joseph R.	3/14/2006	15	Judy H.	3/22/1977	44
Jovan S.	3/18/2006	15	Valerie R.	3/13/1977	44
Karen B.	3/15/2006	15	Sheryl N.	3/10/1976	45
Anna G.	3/16/2005	16	Helen C.	3/5/1975	46
Chris B.	3/1/2005	16	Larry M.	3/3/1971	50
Hal F.	3/3/2005	16	Fred D.	3/10/1970	51
Kirk F.	3/26/2005	16	Annie C.	3/10/1968	53
Mike C.	3/18/2005	16	Fred C.	3/25/1965	56
Gina G.	3/22/2004	17			

Digital Contributions		\$769.74	
TOTALS	\$2,367.84	\$3,428.54	\$5,026.64

Get your groups birthday list to Central Office ... That's how they appear here!

Total Years = 2,392

Managers Corner

Intergroup Elections Happening Now ~ Schedule to come in or call to get a code for virtual voting!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vanessa D.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Jason D.
- 3rd ~ Debbie L. & Cindy D.
- 4th ~ Stephanie S. & Karen M.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

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