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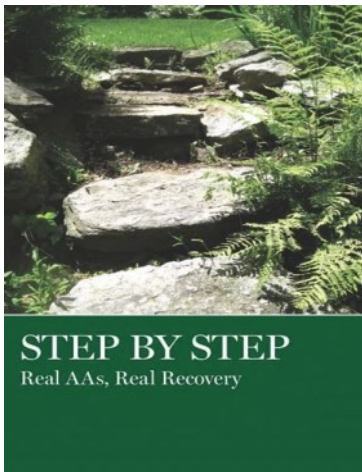


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June 2024

Happy Birthday, A.A., 89 years, one day at a time!

The Gate Lodge, located at the entrance to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, is where the first unofficial Alcoholics Anonymous conversation was held in 1935.



"Step Six may be the greatest act of courage in the whole twelve-step process: a total act of faith. I have to trust that God will see the big picture and make the right choices."

Tujunga, California, June 2010, "My Armor", Step By Step

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or Institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. (Copyright © The AA Grapevine, Inc., Reprinted with permission.)



“For me, there is no better feeling than the one I get running into another alcoholic when I’m feeling down. We alcoholics are bonded together by the sadness of a deadly disease and the miracle of a spiritual

December 2006, “Between a Bartender and a Bad-Tempered Boss,” AA Grapevine.



**Calling all AA
Authors !!!**

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an article to
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Email article to:

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**Your Home Group's
Activities
Can Be Here
Next Month.**



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We Will Not Regret the Past

If We are Painstaking

By Rick R.

Unless you were born with a total understanding of alcoholism, had the desire to become an alcoholic, and had the capacity to make the decision to do so at birth, I cannot see how anyone can be held *responsible* for becoming an alcoholic. It would be like saying that you had a choice of whether to itch when you have poison ivy. It is a disease. To my knowledge, there is no definite understanding of what causes alcoholism for if there was, we could treat it before it became a problem.

We are not *responsible* for becoming an Alcoholic. We are, however, *accountable* for our behavior, whether we are *drinking or not*, and most alcoholics that I've known have had an abundance of things, in their past, that they wish they could erase from the records. Some of those memories, we would like to take to the grave with us.

These secrets, I believe, are the biggest hurdle that stands in the way of the *peace of mind* and the *feeling of wellbeing* that we all strive for. Most of these behaviors can be rectified by making amends and restitution using the 12 Steps and by doing so; we have changed that behavior and no longer do those things/habits that we regret.

One of the promises of the A.A. program is that "We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it", and I believe I have reached that level of growth; however, I do have *deeds* in my past that *I regret having done*, and they can never be erased. I have discussed those things with trusted advisors over the years, and we conclude that, to admit and to be *accountable for those things is a good start*, but what can be done about those deeds that can't be mended? They can never be erased, but they can be resolved by replacing my old selfish habits with new, unselfish deeds, spiritual in nature, that allow me to repay my debt (one pebble at a time) to the many people, less fortunate than myself, that can use a hand up.

This can be done in *a spiritual or in a material way, whichever the situation requires*. By doing this, *anonymously* and *without fanfare*, it allows me to balance the scales and to heal my conscience. I try to be kind and understanding; I do my best to be an asset and never a liability. I try to bring more to the table than I take away. I try always, to be *honest with myself about my motives*. In these endeavors, perseverance and time will heal the guilt and shame.

I believe I will always have some regrets about having done those things, but *I will not be plagued by them*. Today I am right with myself and with the world. I am a very grateful alcoholic today, only because I contracted the disease of alcoholism in my youth, suffered desperation, forced myself to swallow my pride, came to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), recognize the value of surrendering to it, and the desire to live a life at peace. I try to *go through each day without doing anything I REGRET*.

Today I am happy, and content and I can't imagine ever having found an approach to life that could have come anywhere close to the life I live today as the result of taking these steps and practicing these principles in all my affairs and today, *I wouldn't trade places with anyone on this planet*.

June ... The Sixth (6th) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 6

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

Tradition 6

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Concept 6

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

Sixth Step Prayer

Dear God, I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects of character which I now realize are obstacles to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself and guide me toward spiritual and mental health.

The Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition Six

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.

- 1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?*
- 2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?*
- 3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?*
- 4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?*
- 5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?*

"Before we can be of any use to anybody else, we must find the beginnings of the answer for ourselves."

Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, Friend of AA, October 1955, "The Spiritual Angle of AA"



"If you want to be happy, go to a meeting. If you want to be twice as happy, go to two meetings."

**"Group Secretary,"
Millbrae, California,
July 1980, The
Home Group:
Heartbeat of AA**

Step One for Bill W.

Bill W. said it best while in Akron in 1945; “It was here that the miracle really happened. This is the hill where the AA beacon was lit 10 years ago. From here the light spread outward to guide others...” Akron, a Greek word meaning summit, sits on a ridge overlooking the surrounding Ohio countryside.

Each year at the weekend nearest AA’s birthdate, some 10,000 of us converge from around the world to convene at Akron’s University of Akron.



We attend the formal events and/or simply hang out with other alcoholics from everywhere. The typical first event of the weekend is a one-step-per-hour meeting stretching from 10 am to 10 pm that day. Old-timers, Young People, [Al Anon/Alateen](#), Spanish-Speaking, Traditions, Alcahons, and Speaker meetings fill the weekend as well as plays, skits, historic presentations, and dances, dances, dances. Sunday morning is very special. Starting at around 7:00 am the motorcycles start to line up for the procession to Dr. Bob’s gravesite. Started in the 1970’s, hundreds of bikes and vehicles gather in a line long enough that when the first vehicle arrives at Mt. Peace cemetery, the last vehicle has yet to leave the University.

An educator by trade, Gail L. organized the [history of AA](#) in pictures and narrative adorning the two fifty-foot-plus halls of that office. It starts with a life-size stained glass rendition of the Grapevine’s “Man on the Bed” painting, proceeds to “Embassy Row” (a complete collection of all the Big Book translations into other languages), and then launches into our history from the precursors of AA all the way through to the last International Convention.

Founders’ Day offers bus tours of the historic sites in Akron. Visitors to the Gate Lodge are often startled when they see the library where our co-founders first met. Their mind’s eye envisions something grander than the very small room where a hung-over doctor gave “this bird fifteen minutes” and ended up talking for hours. Somehow, the humility of this simple room makes the story all the better.

No tour is complete without a stop at Dr. Bob’s house. “Welcome home!” their volunteers greet you. The small size of the house as well as the large crowd wanting to see it makes for long lines at times.

The tour ends at the Intergroup Office where volunteer guides share in the awe of over a thousand visitors to the office during the weekend. One of the wonderful perks of volunteering at the Office is you don’t take living in Akron for granted. The volunteers vicariously view their city through the grateful eyes of their visitors. Dr. Carl Jung, who figures in our history, penned the term “synchronicity” to define happenings like us where so many unrelated events all came together to make something wonderful.

The Office hosts old-timers and newcomers alike. A young woman, two weeks sober, was visiting the archives and asked, “Were Bill and Bob brothers or something?” The long-timer archives volunteer told her the story of the founding of AA, the sacrifices the early members made so that she and others would have the opportunity to have the gift of recovery, and before the story was finished both were crying. That is the miracle of Founders’ Day, for despite the vast difference in sobriety and age, both are exactly the same—recovering alcoholics.

The “JAR” (James A. Rhodes Arena) at the university can seat nearly 5,000 and so is big enough for all but the Saturday evening meeting. This often takes place at a local stadium.

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Step One for Bill W. ... continued from page 6.

The weekend is put together by the Founders' Day committee of the Akron Intergroup. Five Co-Coordination are joined by five members of the steering committee to organize the millions of details that go into putting on an event of this magnitude. It is a ten-year service commitment, and a tribute to the dedication of this committee.

When did Founders' Day begin? Well...in October of 1941, Bill and Bob both spoke and Bob traced the early history of the movement. On November 8th, 1942, Bill W. spoke at the "annual AA Meeting" in Hotel Carter in Cleveland to an audience of 1,000. Dr. Bob and a Cleveland AA also spoke.

Bill's 10th Anniversary talk on June 10th, 1945 at the historic Mayflower Hotel was the precursor of [Founders' Days](#) to come. It finished with a weekend gathering hosting Dr. Bob and Bill in Cleveland's Music Hall. It garnered 2,500 AAs from 36 states, Canada and Mexico.

These anniversary meetings continued in Cleveland in '46 and '47, moving to Akron in 1948 where 5,000 of us attended. In '49 neither Dr. Bob (his wife Anne had just died) nor Bill W. came. Meetings continued through the 1950's taking place mainly at Goodyear Hall until 1957 when a meeting was held at the University of Akron and events covered two days for the first time.

The first Saturday night speaker meeting and first memorial service for Dr. Bob was held in 1961. The first dance was in 1962. "Modern" Founders' Day began in 1965 when the event was held Friday through Sunday for the first time.

Our tribe, the children of the bottle, share a commonality. We have witnessed events that few people experienced and we had seen forms of human behavior about which we never speak until we come together and feel that we are painted with magic, that Founders' Day had been created just for us. And that is what Founders' Day is all about, gathering from all over the world to celebrate recovery.

By Bob M., Gail L., & Jay M., Cleveland AA.

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ALATEEN ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETINGS

Alateen is for children who have been affected by someone else's drinking.

There is only one (1) Alateen meeting in Naples, Florida at this time:

Sunday, 9:30am at the 24-Hour-Club, in the Quiet Room.

Our goal is to bring more children into the rooms of Alateen to help them better cope with the family disease of Alcoholism.

We welcome kids who are old enough to read and share.

For more information please contact: Beth W., Alateen Chair

alateen@naplesal-anon.org.

The Road to Mental Freedom

Devoid of All Unresolved Mental Issues

By Rick R.

The topics about mental freedom often comes up at AA meetings and for this alcoholic, *peace of mind* has been my goal from the very beginning. Our minds are full of negative thoughts and if we are alcoholics, we are not sure which of these ideas are valid with respect to our goals in recovery. We can itemize these things such as: guilt, shame, regrets, self-loathing, fear, etc. and it still leaves some of us, passing it off as more of the same minutia we've been hearing for years. What degree of importance do we, as individuals, place on any one of these items and expect it to make that much different in our overall growth?

As I look back on my thinking patterns of the past, I realize that there weren't too many of those thoughts that weren't influenced by some thought of material gain. That isn't necessarily wrong or bad when it comes to *the normal thinking person*, but when it comes to the *alcoholic*, without the same disciplines of the normal person, it becomes the yoke around our necks that drags us down into that pit that we are all too familiar with. I was surprised, one day, when I received a phone call from my first wife's husband, (at the time) He was reading me the riot act about an incident that my son and they were having, and he thought I was involved in it. I tried to be patient and not say anything to provoke him, and after he ran out of things to throw into the ring, he finally took one final shot by saying: "well, I've heard stories about you, and you're no angel". My response was, "Dave, I've done a lot of things in my life that I'm not proud of, but I'm not ashamed of anything that I've done in the last 22 years." (Sober 22 years at the time) The conversation ended peacefully.

How many people can say that? *Freedom from shame* was what I became aware of from that conversation, and as I start to look at all the other negative thing on the list, I realize that most of them have been reduced to the point of irrelevance. That does not mean that I don't have lingering regrets for things that happened prior to my getting sober, it only means that by practicing these principles in all my affairs, I don't make as many mistakes, and I never do anything to intentionally hurt anyone. We can't change one single thing that happened in the past, but we can learn from them, and we can certainly do better in the present. One of the most important ingredients for me is being totally honest about my motives. If they are pure and unselfish, I will have a clear conscience. Living by principles takes most of the decision making out of my hands. That, I think, is what they meant when they wrote Step two. We depend on help from outside of ourselves.

By getting in the habit of doing it that way for such a long period of time, the rat race between my ears has slowly diminished and somewhere along the way, my head has cleared up and *most of the conflict has subsided*. What a blessing it is to fall asleep each night without all the endless garbled calculations repeating themselves over and over in my mind until I fell asleep from pure mental exhaustion. You can't put a price on *peace of mind*, and in my own words I would define it as "*devoid of all unresolved mental issues*". After years of trial and error, I seem to have settled into a pattern of thinking, based on principles that I've come to embrace, that have taken most of the guess work out of the choices that I make. There are no more sleepless nights due to that rat race in my head. I know that I'm doing the best I can, based on what I've learned in AA. I'm at peace with myself and with others, for the most part, and what more could a person ask for. *The caldron is no longer bubbling between my ears. Now, to me, that's freedom.*

How do I know if I'm doing God's will?

I don't ... but, I know when I'm not.

AA Volunteer Opportunities



Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00

(One morning or afternoon each week.)

and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

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For information: 239/262-6535

Newcomer Impressions of AA



What should I do—or not do!

Using the same sort of foul language that I used as a thirteen-year-old to impress my parents that I have finally grown-up, leaves the newcomer with the impression that I am too immature or slow-witted to be taken seriously. Psychologists call this attention-grabbing technique: “shockers”.

If I mock the [Twelve Steps](#) during the reading of chapter Five (What’s the point? Balk-balk, Ha! Ha! etc.) I am likely to leave the newcomer with the impression that the AA Twelve Step program is not to be taken seriously. The “Ha-Ha” may also come from seasoned members, just to be polite, although they may consider this “AA virus” as a crashing bore.

It feels good to share “let it all hang out,” at discussion meetings. However, if I do not share how the Twelve Steps are working in my daily life (my experience, strength, and hope), I leave the impression that AA is limited to a group-therapy solution. Bill Wilson wrote: “Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an [AA group](#).” * Group therapy is good, so far as it goes, but AA is better than that! We have a Twelve Step solution that really works.

If I spend my time during the important “meeting after the meeting” with my regular friends, but ignore the [newcomer](#), I am apt to leave them with a negative impression of AA—they came in lonely and left lonely. A less-than-welcome reception may cause their first AA meeting to be their last AA meeting. I need to have AA literature ready for them with a robust welcome before they dash out the door.

I need to better maintain a neat appearance at meetings—something I am not always so good at! A general conception is that AA is comprised of skid row bums. Newcomers are happily impressed to find this is not so. After all, if I am to be trudging the road of happy destiny, shouldn’t I be dressed for the occasion?

*Problems Other than alcohol (Excerpts) F8

By Bob S., Cleveland, Ohio AA



THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

“We are alcoholics. Even though now recovered, we are never too far removed from the possibility of fresh personal disaster. Each knows he must observe a high degree of honesty, humility, and tolerance, or else drink again.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1947, “Why Can’t We Join AA, Too?”, The Language of the Heart.

“My energy is now my own. I don’t have to spend it on being angry and negative ... There’s no longer that terrible rush to judgment”

“Dateline, Alaska,” Anchorage, Alaska, August 2000, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety.



VOICES OF LONG-TERM SOBRIETY

OLD-TIMERS’ STORIES
FROM AA GRAPEVINE



PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Workshops ■ Young People Meetings ■ Golf Tournament
 LGBTQ Meetings ■ Shark Tooth Hunt ■ ASL Interpreter ■ River Run/Walk
 Ice Cream Socials ■ Entertainment ■ Marathon Meetings ■ Cornhole
 Spanish Speaking Meetings ■ Grapevine ■ Archives Room ■ Kayak Event
 Old-Timer's Meeting ■ Banquets ■ Meditation ■ Al-Anon/Alateen
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 Chip B. - Destin, FL
 Danny B. - Spring, TX
 Kathryn A. - Jacksonville, FL

Host Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
 225 East Coastline Dr. ■ Jacksonville, Florida 32202
 1-877-803-7534 <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-FS24>
Rates start at \$131+ ■ Discount Rate Code: G-FS24
 Rates honored 3 days before, after convention dates. All rooms
 subject to state/local taxes. Non-hotel is non-smoking. Designated
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 Parking: \$15/day Self Park \$39/day Valet Park

Overflow Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront
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Rates start at \$119+ ■ Group Code: FSC or CDTFSC
 First night's room and tax due at booking. Two-night minimum stay.
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FINANCES**May24 YTD 24****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$4,070 \$22,369

Group Contributions 3,079 13,019

AA Birthdays - 35

Faithful Five 60 130

Individual/Anonymous 420 1,863

Total Income 7,629 37,416**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 168 590

Licenses/Permits - 70

Office Supplies 237 1,606

Office Improve/Repair 1,003 1,003

www Hosting 400 400

Payroll 2,240 8,962

Payroll Tax - -

Postage 10 98

Printing - 522

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 2,812 16,864

Insurance - -

Rent 500 2,000

Sales Tax 285 1,154

Telephone/www 213 1,090

Utilities 100 400

Computer Equipment 70 356

Computer Software 108 419

Computer/Maintain - -

Quarterlies / Travel/ - -

Total Expenses 8,114 36,098**Net Ordinary Income** (\$485) \$1,318

Gratitude Dinner Tickets - -

Gratitude Expenses - -

NET OTHER INCOME - -**NET INCOME** (\$485) \$1,318

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Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

SELF-SUPPORT:**Where Money and Spirituality Mix****Naples Area Intergroup**

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Disbursement of a Group's Funds

"After the group's basic needs are met, such as providing for rent, literature, refreshments, and insurance, the group can participate in the financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various A.A. service entities: 1) their local Intergroup or Central Office, 2) Area 15 and District 20; and 3) the General Service Office in New York. Many groups provide financial support for their G.S.R.s attending service functions. These entities use contributions in a number of ways, always with the aim of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. *The A.A. Group Treasurer, F-96,*

*Service material prepared by the
General Service Office*

GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group" (by AA definition), but is a "meeting". **Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16*

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Feb24</u>	<u>YTD24</u>
Grp# 510367	0	86
11th Step Prayer & Meditation	0	500
Beach Bums	0	300
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0	147
Big Book Steppers—Bonita	0	77
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0	393
Bonita Happy Hour	0	395
Bonita Springs Primary Purpose	0	88
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0	589
Bonita Women Step.....	0	700
Bring Your Own Big Book	0	75
Daily Reflections ZOOM	75	508
Cake Meeting	25	25
Common Solutions Naples	440	944
Early Risers	0	680
Easy Does It	1,000	2,000
Free 2 Be	150	150
Grupo Nueva Vida	25	50
Girlfriends Group	0	50
Happy Healers	635	635
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	35	193
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0	227
Language of Letting Go	0	13
Living Sober	20	20
Meeting In The Park	219	796
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	23	145
Morning Reflections	227	227
Daily Reflections – Monday	13	71
Naples Group	0	849
Naples Men BB Group.....	39	164

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Feb24</u>	<u>YTD24</u>
On Awakening	0	48
Park Shore Women	0	250
Primary Purpose Marco	0	600
Switch It Up Group	0	100
Tables Of Naples	0	25
Three Legacies	0	50
Veranda Group	17	76
Wanderers Ave Maria	35	145
Where Are We	100	200

AA Groups/Meetings listed here are those which are either registered as a Group at the AA General Service Office in New York, or, have contributed financially to the Naples Area Intergroup.



The Birthday Club

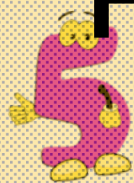
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Paul B.	51 years
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Jim B.	41 years
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Bill D.	36 years
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Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	35 years
Janice R.	35 years
Steve K.	31 years
Peter F.	27 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	22 years
Ken H.	21 years
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Tina S	2 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



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