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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. (AA Grapevine, Inc.)



SEPTEMBER: The Ninth (9th) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP NINE: "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

TRADITION NINE: "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

TRADITION NINE (Long Form): Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

CONCEPT NINE: "Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

9Th Step Prayer: I pray for the right attitude to make my amends, Being ever mindful not to harm others in the process. I ask for Your guidance in making indirect amends. Most important, I will continue to make amends by staying abstinent, helping others and growing in spiritual progress.

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

This is a Checklist for Tradition NINE. Reprinted with permission from Service Material from the General Service Office:

- 1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
- 2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
- 3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
- 4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
- 5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
- 6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
- 7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
- 8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

"The only way I ever found to displace a thought was to put another thought in its stead."

"We Must Banish Fear!" Alexandria, Virginia, August 1950, AA Grapevine



Step Nine: The Promise Of Intuition

We Will Know Peace

Rick R., San Diego, California

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. (B.B. pg. 84) How many times in your life have you been faced with a decision, and you did not know what to do about it, then a day and a half later, you awakened in the middle of the night, sat up in bed, and said to your-self, A-Hah, and went right back to sleep? Somehow the answer came to you without having to go through days of research.

In the early days of 1970, I was going through a course on human behavior and the instructor was trying to describe how the brain functions. He explained that the human brain has approximately ten billion cells and we only use about one billion of them. He then explained that these cells store everything we experience in our lifetime. The more current events are easier to remember than the things that are off in the distant past, but they are all in there somewhere. He then likened it to a file system where, if you ask a question, the more current answers come immediately, but for those more distant memories, the brain starts searching the files and it may take a while eventually the answer will come.

With all the mental chaos that we bring with us when we enter the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) program, we have lot of, what I refer to as, *unlearning* to do. We go through the process of trying to rid ourselves of alcoholic thinking and to replace it with sound principles and values. If we are fortunate enough to buy in completely, and do a thorough job of house-cleaning, so to speak, we can start using the ideas that we hear of, and others used successfully, and we get a surprisingly good result. We may hear as many as twenty or thirty people share at any given meeting. Can we remember everything we hear? To me, the answer is yes. I could come up with a dozen boilerplate A.A. cliches about how the answers come to me but it does not get any simpler than the mental file cabinet theory. Sometimes it seems to me that I am learning when I am not even listening, and it is like getting it through osmosis. If you have ever heard of the police trying to get a witness to remember a license plate number by hypnotizing that person, you understand what I mean. It is in the sub-conscious and there is a curtain-like screen between the conscious and subconscious mind. This is what keeps us from going mad due to the business of it all.

"How do I know when I'm doing God's will? I don't ... but, I KNOW when I'm not.

AA GRAPEVINE, February 2003

Important Notice:

NAPLES AREA INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: DECEMBER 11th



As required in the NAPLES AREA INTERGROUP BY-LAWS, Article III ... NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VOTING PROCEDURES ... election of Naples Area Intergroup Steering Committee Officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary) will take place at the December 11th Naples Intergroup Representative Meeting. The slate of candidates comes from current and eligible Intergroup Representatives with a required length of sobriety of two (2) years. We will also be electing up to three (3) Members-At-Large. Please attend Intergroup Meetings on October 9th and November 13th for additional information.

Introduction to the *THE LORD's PRAYER*Mary Pat B., Naples, Florida

The reason we join hands as we say the LORD's PRAYER ... is to remind us of the truth ... that we are not alone ... our prayer is for the still suffering alcoholic ... those who are with us ... and, those who are still searching for us. Hold on to the hand of the person next to you like your life depends on it ... someday it may.



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 <u>Twelve Steps</u> 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 <u>AA group</u>." * 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 <u>newcomer</u>, 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

- Bob S., Cleveland AA Office

What all does AA give us? A member in Kentucky attempts to answer.

A newcomer recently asked me what AA taught me. I thought, how on earth can I summarize my time in the Fellowship?

First off, it taught me how to be a decent person and how to live a life inconceivably better than the one I had been living. It taught me how to form a connection with an amazing community of recovering alcoholics and a Higher Power of my own understanding. I learned that AA is a "we" program. We learn from each other, and we are here for each other.

Over the years, I've gotten to listen to members who offer hope when it seems like there's no hope. I've learned from those who share that humility is not humiliating and those who show us the futility of envy. I've listened to those who show gratitude in the face of deep loss, who give more than they take and who show how faith can overcome fear.

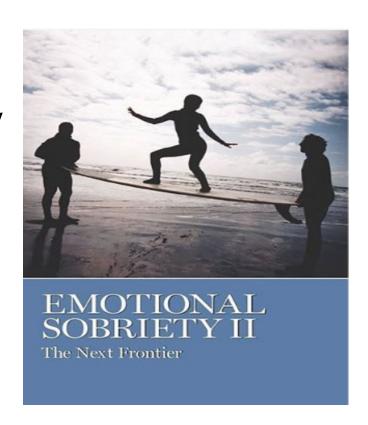
Fellow members have taught me how to pull myself off my pity-pot, demonstrate generosity in the face of personal poverty and appreciate the perpetual joy of practicing our <u>Twelve Step principles</u>. They have encouraged me to embrace the love in our Fellowship and become a more honest, kind and emotionally sober human being.

This has been my experience. Our sponsors lead us and our sponsees show us. New-comers inspire us and old-timers forgive us. We're here for each other. We lift each other up, we take this journey together and yes, sometimes we even carry one another across a deep, icy stream. That's what we do. We're AA. What we've been given is a gift, and we've learned how to give it all away.

By Alex M, Louisville, KY, Reprinted from the May 2024 A.A. Grapevine. Used with permission.

"I am feeling much better now, and I thank God for AA and my good friends. I have learned how to accept their help."

"Carrying the Message," Queens, New York, February 1971, Emotional Sobriety II



AA Volunteer Opportunities



Naples Area Intergroup

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30 Afternoon:12:30 to 4:00

(One morning or afternoon each week.)

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After-hours, various days.

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DO YOU CARE ENOUGH?

For a long time, in many areas, we hear the plaint "AA has changed. It isn't like it used to be." Further inquiry reveals sadness and dismay on the quality of present day sponsorship, an almost total ignorance of the traditions and utter indifference to their application, the format of AA meetings, the intermingling of AA Groups and Clubs and the numerous selfappointed power-drivers who operate AA groups and non-AA programs in the name of AA and speak publicly for AA.



We believe there is some validity in all these observations, and can attribute part of it to "changing times" – membership growth- and the development of other agencies and treatments for alcoholics, plus a reduction of public stigma and the fact that so many older, personally indoctrinated members have passed from the scene. AA seems no longer – The Last Port of Call!

There is a tendency for new people to regard AA in much the same light as other fraternal groups, with the belief that there must be people in "authority" to "run" things. It is also natural for certain egocentric individuals to respond and endeavor to assume the mantle of authority.

The phenomenal growth of AA finds many new groups and areas without experienced members to suggest, advise and explain the reasons for certain procedures. Too often meetings do turn into "bull-sessions" or repetitious drunk-a-logs that become boring and distasteful.

We believe that co-founder Bill W.'s advice: "SHOEMAKER, STICK TO THY LAST!" ... should be heeded more now than ever before. Six months or six years sobriety in AA doesn't make us all experts, or qualify us to run hospitals, treatment centers, state programs or industrial programs. Other talents and aptitudes are essential. AA assures us of only ONE thing... a life without the need to use alcohol.

Perhaps some of the confusion comes from the concept that everything changes and some may feel the need to modernize AA, its format and objective. However, we believe that "principles" are not subject to clock or calendar ... and AA is nothing more nor less than a set of principles.

Our other co-founder, Dr. Bob said it all when he pointed out that the 12 Steps are simply, LOVE and SERVICE.

The reason, we feel, that there has been such a change in the approach to sponsorship, is the fact that too many of us now don't care enough! It is too easy to shunt a newcomer into a treatment center and rationalize on the follow-up. In bygone days, if the sponsor didn't care to give of himself... of his time and his love... the alcoholic had no recourse except to return to drunkenness and oblivion.

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There were no treatment centers, no referral centers, no hospitals or doctors who would bother with a sick alcoholic. And, out of sheer gratitude, most alcoholics in AA wanted to carry the message and cared enough... to do whatever they could to help.

AA seems to be suffering from a dangerous case of "human" shortcomings, egocentricity, selfishness, apathy and ignorance.



We feel too that it is serious enough for all of us to consider the very real possibility that this may be the seed that could blossom into the dissolution of our society. For the ONLY thing that can destroy AA is us. Destruction can only come about through our disunity. This is why voluntary adherence and knowledge of the 12 Traditions is so essential to our existence, for there is no authority that can legislate unity and singleness of purpose. We are subject only to one ultimate authority... a loving God, as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern.

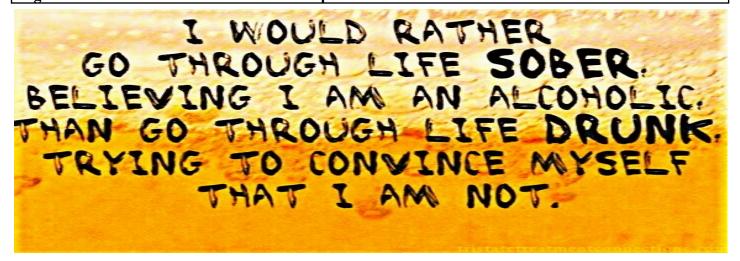
When we adhere to the unalterable principles of the 12 Steps voluntarily, truth and humility are essential in application. and positive results are inevitable. Deviation, or abandonment also bring inevitable results, but of a negative nature. The same set of principles is involved in our group adherence (merely a group of individuals) to the 12 Traditions, calling for an even greater degree of humility and self-discipline. In this way the group conscience is truly sensitized.

If we would stay whole... if we are to fully meet our responsibilities and even more importantly, if we are to survive... we have no choice but to try to abide by the suggestions of all the experiences of all those who have gone before us.

When a sick alcoholic needs help... anywhere... anytime... under any circumstances... and wants it... do we care enough to go all the way with him? How much... do you care?

-Railbeams, St. Paul, MN. Alcoholics Anonymous, 1969





It's All About Inner Peace

Rick R., San Diego, California

For years I have been quoting an old friend and mentor of mine from my early days of sobriety in 1969 when he said, "All I want out of life is peace of mind and a quiet heart."

The quiet-hearted part of that statement seemed to be what caught my attention since it adds a touch of tenderness to that statement; but what does it really mean? Understand the "peace of mind" part of the quote to mean, in my own words, "absence of all unresolved mental issues." When he referred to "A quiet heart" he obviously was not speaking about that organ inside my chest that pumps blood through my body.

At a meeting recently, the topic was taken from an AA friendly publication and in it the," Thought for the day," was explaining how Psychologists are turning to religion to add the element of a faith in something outside of ourselves, to their message, because faith was an act of the mind and of the will. It also said that the clergy and rabbis were turning to psychology to enhance their message to reach a more modern society.

To me, it was the best approach I have heard to express the all-inclusiveness of the AA program when it comes to understanding the concept of a power greater than myself.

When I think of my old friend's mention of, a quiet heart, I can see how it might mean something different to each of us. To the romantic, it means the place inside where they feel emotions, and more than just that blood pump in our chest. On the other hand, to the person with a religious foundation, it may be referring to the soul. To the psychologist it may be referring to the conscience.

Call it what we may, to me this implies that there is something inside of me that cannot be dismissed. It seems to be keeping a catalog of all my behaviors; good and bad, then reintroduce them to us again each morning when we wake up and we keep reliving them, over and over. It is time to put them to rest. We used to drink to make them go away. If we have the will and the strength to live by the dictates of our heart, our soul, or our conscience, that is where we have ability to right all of those, unresolved mental issues.

The AA program, from beginning to end, is designed to recognize, acknowledge, and resolve all these issues by bringing it all to the surface in the safety of the people that have been through this process and understand what the individual is faced with.

The good news is that as we resolve each of these concerns, we will be freeing up all that mental space and energy that has been causing the tormenting regrets of the past. When we recognize the pain that our past thinking and behavior has caused and have put forth the effort to resolve it, it is unlikely that we will be willing to return to those old behaviors.

Our unbridled instincts caused our behavioral problems. Our heart/soul/conscience recorded these things, and our minds live with the mental torment as the result. A quiet heart/a clean soul/ a clear conscience leads to peace of mind and when a person has peace of mind, a drink has no appeal to him/her and in the morning, they wake up with smiles on their faces.

"The way our 'worthy' alcoholics have sometimes tried to judge the 'less worthy' is, as we look back on it, rather comical. Imagine, if you can, one alcoholic judging another!"

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., August 1946, "Who Is a Member of Alcoholics Anonymous?", The Language of the Heart



THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings



VOICES OF Long-term sobriety

OLD-TIMERS' STORIES FROM AA GRAPEVINE "The first thing that captured me at my very first meeting was the way AA members talked with one another. There was a genuineness, something real there, that I wanted ... I saw they were sober and that they were honest with each other."

"The Real Thing," New York, New York, February 2001, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

<u>FINANCES</u>	Aug24	<u>YTD 24</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$1,958	\$31,285
Group Contributions	2,273	19,206
AA Birthdays	46	178
Faithful Five	80	270
Individual/Anonymous	100	2,616
<u>Total Income</u>	4,457	43,105
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	122	624
Licenses/Permits	-	70
Office Supplies	125	2,312
Office Improve/Repair	-	1,261
www Hosting	-	400
Payroll	2,240	15,684
Payroll Tax	-	-
Postage	27	154
Printing	-	708
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	1,813	23,225
Insurance	575	-
Rent	500	3,500
Sales Tax	467	1,885
Telephone/www	234	1,750
Utilities	100	700
Computer Equipment	-	498
Computer Software	188	1,129
Computer/Maintain	-	-
Accounting Services	283	1,201
<u>Total Expenses</u>	7,320	56,349
Net Ordinary Income	(\$2,863)	(\$3,244)
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	-	300
Gratitude Expenses	500	500
NET OTHER INCOME	(\$500)	(\$200)
<u>NET INCOME</u>	(\$3,363)	(\$3,443)

Thank You to all who contributed to Naples Intergroup / Central Office.

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

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<u>Disbursement of a Group's Funds</u>

"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

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Ron L.	46 years
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Jim B.	41 years
Jackie T. F.	39 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	33years
Peter F.	28 years
Eileen D.	22 years
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Ken H.	22 years
Laura T. F.	7 years
Eric S.	6 years
Tina S	2 years



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