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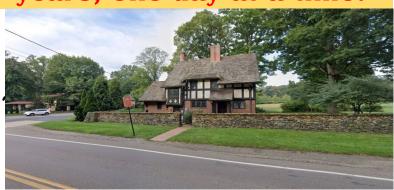


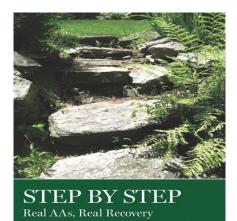
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## Happy Birthday, A.A., 90 years, one day at a time!

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 2020, " My Armor, Step by Step

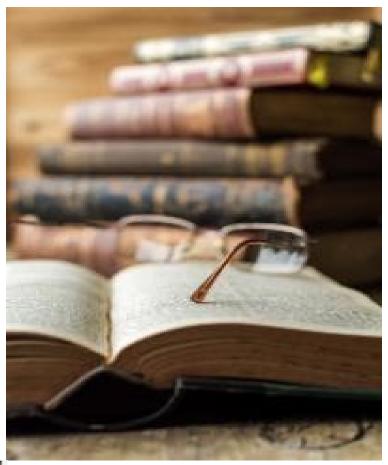
### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

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.)



"Sobriety isn't a discrete list of tasks that you do and then check off; it's a state of being that pervades every aspect of your life."

Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 2008, "Lost in Translation," AA Grapevine



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THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings "The compulsion among most of us to survive and to grow soon becomes far stronger than the temptation to drink, or to misbehave. Literally, we must 'do or die.' So we make the choice to live. This, in turn, means the choice of AA principles, practices and attitudes that can salvage us from total disaster by insuring our sobriety."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., May 1960, "What Is Freedom in AA?"

## 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?



### The Willingness to Move Forward

When I attended my first AA meeting, I had no idea what the 12 steps entailed, but at that meeting I heard the things that were read, and I heard people sharing about steps. And, looking back on it now, I realized that I came away from that meeting a changed man.

My life took a 180° turn at that point and I have never been the same since. For the first time in my life I saw a refreshing new approach to living, and all I had done, up to that point, was show up and listen. From that day on, I've had a huge change of perception and I've learned to recognize faulty thinking and to find the answers to life issues as they were articulated by the collective sharing in that meeting.

While attending a step study meeting recently, we were on Step 4 and as each person shared their experience with what we had read, it occurred to me that the same thing was happening there, that happened at my first meeting decades before. It seemed that many of the people were assimilating, into their thinking, the things we had read and talked about, and that it had influenced them in ways that they probably didn't even realize at the time.

I've heard people in the program, when attending structured step study meetings, say that there may be as many as 50 people at the meeting when they started on Step 1, but by the time they got to Step 4 they might be down to 12 people left in the room. There seems to be something in Step 4 that their ego would not let them address, at the time. It appears they had reached a fork in the road.

When this happens, I believe they may not be ready for <u>Step 4</u> yet, and if they are hurried into it, they may start to search for an easier softer way. If they stay on the softer path for long, they may end up developing a half measures approach and they may waste many precious years, or worse, they may relapse and do irreparable damage that can't be undone.

When I hear of a person who has a relapse after long term sobriety, I often wonder if it was due to skimping on Step 4 and 5, which may lead to a superficial approach to the remaining steps. "Thoroughness ought to be the watchword when taking inventory." – 12×12 p 54.

I use Step 4 to illustrate what I mean when describing the way reading and hearing the things described in Step 4, are the things that we live with every day of our lives, and each time we cycle through them again, we realize that we have addressed some of these issues without being aware of it.

I've heard people who have not taken Step 4 yet using such terms as "Restraint of pen and tongue" or "Remove the word blame from my speech" and, without realizing it, they are reducing their problems as the result of this different mindset. As long as they are honest about not being ready to take Step 4, it leaves the door open for the time when they are more confident, and they will be able to revisit this step and make a clean slate of it without feeling guilty about it.

I believe that the main reason why they wrote and published the 12×12 was because they did not want to establish a precedent of editing the big book, and they wanted to give amplifying information and examples of how to navigate the 12 Steps. We can tell stories and drunkalogues of our drinking days and that's fine, but if we don't go through a meaningful process of addressing the causes and solutions to our problems and "The willingness to move forward" (12×12 p 54), we will be selling ourselves short, and life is much too precious to waste.

"I can recognize that I'm caught up in my will when I desperately struggle to slam a square peg into a round hole. That's the time for me to back off and trust that God's will is far better than mine."

"Square Peg, Round Hole," Elloree, South Carolina, November 2013, AA Grapevine





## STEP BY STEP

Real AAs, Real Recovery

"Through Step Five, God has removed my shame about being an alcoholic."

"Lifting the Burden," Syracuse, New York, May 2001, Step By Step We were talking with a comparatively new member at a meeting recently who stated that he had made this trip across town to hear the speaker scheduled to speak. He informed us that he had known this man for many years and considered him one of the lowest of the low, a man without any decent principles or impulses and absolutely devoid of any morals or character.

Soon after he had embraced the Fellowship, he heard this man [being extolled by several as being one of the most outstanding AAs in the Cleveland area. He couldn't believe his ears, It couldn't be the same man... and if it was, then very evidently this cookie had certainly pulled the wool over the eyes of "the guys who ran AA" and let him come in. And if it was indeed the same fellow whom he knew, inside and out, he would expose this four-flusher to all and sundry.



He searched the Group News column of the <u>Central Bulletin</u> and learned that this man was to speak at this particular meeting. We sat with the visitor and as the speaker rose to make his talk, the visitor hissed an aside to us: "That's the faker!" We quieted him and urged him to listen with an open mind.

For fifteen minutes, the speaker qualified, describing himself as having been morally and spiritually bankrupt. He had been disloyal to his wife and family, his employer and all of his friends. His word was worth nothing and his promises false. None could have sunk lower, he admitted.

"God must have listened to the prayers of my family," he went on, "for I hadn't been in contact with Him for many years." A complete stranger took him in, had hospitalized him, reconciled him with his family and former employer and gave him the keys to the AA way of life.

His words rang with sincerity and his humility was impressive as he described the battle he had with downing his old wrong impulses and changing his thinking habits so that he could face "The Man Upstairs" (his conception of the Power Greater Than Himself) each night.

It hadn't been easy for him, but he dutifully followed his sponsor's example and advice. His sponsor had impressed him with his need for a mental and moral catharsis, and emphasized the importance of the <u>Four Absolutes</u> which he had found as a solution for his own moral regeneration.

He found it most difficult to be ABSOLUTELY honest, pure, unselfish, and to practice love . . . but he persisted and found to his amazement that life was FUN – real, honest, care-free fun, and life was good.

The man at our right sat spellbound and when the meeting closed, he jumped to his feet and was the first to greet the man whom he had intended to "expose."

We did not listen to their conversation, but we did notice that afterwards they sat to one side, talking intimately as we left the meeting.

We met the newcomer the other day at one of our nursing homes, where he had taken his first "baby." We noticed a decided change in his <u>attitude</u>. He seemed "to belong."

We asked him how he was getting along and he informed us that his life had completely changed since the meeting we had attended together when he was going to show up the "faker."

The "faker" and he became inseparable companions and the "Daily Plan and the Four Absolutes" have completely changed his life.

He also has found that sober living with a plan and purpose can be fun-real fun.

By Central Bulletin Editor, June 1960





The longer I am sober the more amazed I am at the things that keep appearing for which I am very grateful. It becomes evident after some time sober that benefits just seem to sort of pile up. And, if one isn't on the ball, he'll miss some of the most important things.

Someone recently quoted Will Rogers as having said that "while we may be on the right track, we'll get run over if we just sit there." It's true. As a result, I find it necessary, even though I might rather just "sit," to keep moving. I try to pick out the things that AA and sobriety give me, and to look them over objectively now and then.

Back in my drinking days I was positive that everything that took place in my life was earth-shaking and extremely important. After all, I was a very important person! How could there possibly be anything humdrum or unimportant about my life or anything in it?

The only thing in my life at that time could possibly have been construed as important was the fact that I was always in some sort of trouble or difficulty because of my drinking. Otherwise my life was a pretty sordid, unimpressive mess.

It's absolutely delightful, now that I'm sober, to look at my life and find that it is filled to the brim with little things. As a matter of fact, there sometimes seems to be so many little things that there really are not always enough hours in the day to cram it all in. The beauty of it all is when one realizes that all these little things are important, and that if they are good things, then we are "on the right track."

One evening not long ago, in the warmth and comfort of my home, I found myself taking stock of all the little things it afforded me. I observed all the little things my wife and I had accumulated, or made ourselves, or worked on in the two years plus we've been married. I found, much to my amazement, that our little home is full of little things.

It is a comfortable, homey home, and it is all these little things in it, that we have found together, made together, worked on together, that make it so. The world is full of houses with people in them. Many of them, perhaps most of them are far more pretentious than ours. They are furnished more lavishly, and display much more material wealth than our little home, but houses are not always homes, and ours is.

Almost everything in our little home reflects either my wife or I or both of us. It is a home which shows our love for each other, and the little things in it add up to something that money cannot buy . . . love.

Suddenly, therefore, while I was reflecting on all this, I knew that as a result of all these little things in my life, I had something which many people never find in a lifetime, a real home, with real love in it. There is nothing little about love, or a happy home. The other things might all be little, but they added up to something grand and glorious and very big.

One thing always leads to another, and I was suddenly never more aware of, or more grateful for my sobriety than at that moment. I sat there in my chair, looking into the fire in the fireplace, oblivious to the ever-present TV commercials, and thought, who needs booze, or bars or movies or even TV for that matter, when you're sober and there's a fire in the fireplace?

Thus, after all these years, I am slowly learning that I don't have to be big and important. I don't have to have the finest car or the latest fashions in clothes. I no longer need or desire to make an impression on others. All I need is sobriety, and God in His Heaven has seen fit to make this possible for me through AA. I am grateful for it, and, for all the little things in my life that go together to make it a happy one.

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## A Power Greater Than Myself

Why the program of Alcoholics Anonymous works so well, on the disease of alcoholism, is hard to fathom when we first come into AA. Most of us are conflicted when confronted with the idea that our perception of life had been all wrong from the very start.

Issues like, faith, higher power, insanity, surrender, denial, guilt, shame, etc. had to be revisited to see where our past thinking had let us down. We realize that we have painted ourselves into the corner of life. And, if we are lucky, we be-



come open to the idea that we may have to seek outside help if we want to have any chance of a normal life.

When we go through this process, in the spirit that it is presented, in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12), wonderful things happen for us. I find it much easier to look back at the way the AA program has worked for me, than it was when I first entered the program and tried to look forward and perceive how it was going to influence every facet of my life in a wondrous way.

I wish there was a way to package it and give it away. But, as I look back on my own experience in AA and realize how each of us are conditioned differently.

I know that, not all of us can envision what the result will be. For if they did, they would cut right to the chase and never look back. In the beginning, we usually spend most of our time coming to terms with the most obvious symptom of alcoholism; the drink and I were no exception.

Unfortunately, many of us never get deeper into the program, where most of the healing takes place. For those of us that do come to realize that happiness, and more importantly, peace of mind, are the things that are lacking in our lives and to acquire them, we may need to get serious and dig deeper into the process that led to these qualities.

This does not mean that we will not experience joy and peace until we complete the process. Not at all, for every time we uncover another piece of the puzzle that barred us from being at peace with ourselves, it allows us to free up that part of our mind that has been wrestling with that issue and we can finally put it to rest.

The day-to-day improvement in our own self esteem will be reward enough to inspire (inspirit) us to address the next issue that needs our attention, and one by one we resolve these matters as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

Another thing that seems to be a natural result as we navigate this approach is that, with this new awareness, we refrain from making the regretful mistakes of the past that caused our discontent in the first place.

Replacing the wrongs with the rights, you might say, doubles the pace of our growth. We only get to live once and it would be a shame to spend it with that awful mental grinding that goes on between our ears, when the solution is right before our eyes. And, if we continue to spend all our mental energy obsessing on the "not drinking one day at a time" we can do this for years, and then one day, just pick up that drink.

A drink has no appeal to alcoholics who are at peace with themselves and with others. Why waste the only life we have when the answers are laid there at our feet?

Do not get stuck in the rut of complacency. Trust this process and ask yourself if you have been thorough with all twelve of the steps. And if not, I recommend that you revisit those loose ends and deal with them. Give this a try, and I guarantee that, you will not regret it.

# Deeper Rooted Emotional Problems: The Center Line of Life

We are all born with a Conscience and an <u>Ego</u>. We all have Instincts. We, as human beings, are also born with the Use of Practical Reasoning, and that separates us from the animals, who, for the most part, live by their instincts. The degree to which these assets and liabilities affect our behaviors differs in all of us.



"Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper function." (12&12 Step 4) Most normal people make mistakes in their lives and that is normal since no one is perfect. Most Alcoholics, however, take their life to the brink of destruction before they become desperate enough to surrender and enter the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Most alcoholics struggle with emotional difficulties that far exceed the normal range. Some of these troubles can be rectified simply by acknowledging that they exist and being willing to change our motives and behavioral habits.

Unfortunately, a certain percentage of our fellowship have Deeper Rooted Emotional Problems that are permanent and cannot be cured simply by practicing A.A. principles alone. They are often masked by the use of alcohol and when a person stops drinking and starts dealing with their behavioral problems, these things rise to the surface in the form of OCD, ADD, Bipolar Disorder, PTSD, and many others that can only be subdued by the use of medications that, in some cases, dulls the mind of the patient to the extent that they would resist taking the medication and would rather live with the symptoms.

Not knowing this, we sometimes misunderstand the people stricken by these deeper-rooted mental conditions and believe, by their sharing, that they are resistant, arrogant, or egotistical, etc., when displaying behaviors that the average person is not afflicted with.

These conditions are not always at the extreme levels. And each of us, being alcoholics, have a degree of behavioral problems that are outside of the normal range, else why would we need to attend A.A. meetings. Let us consider the normal range to be 5 degrees on either side of the center line. The extremes of the abnormal behavioral problems extend out to 50% on either side of the centerline.

Let us take <u>fear</u> as an example. Some people are so fearful they are afraid to leave their home, while others are so fearless that they may dive off a cliff into a pool of water.

These are extremes, and we all fall somewhere in between. Those of us who are fortunate enough not to be afflicted by those pre-mentioned mental disorders, are blessed in the sense that, practicing the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous, can bring us back towards the center line and we can lead a somewhat normal life.

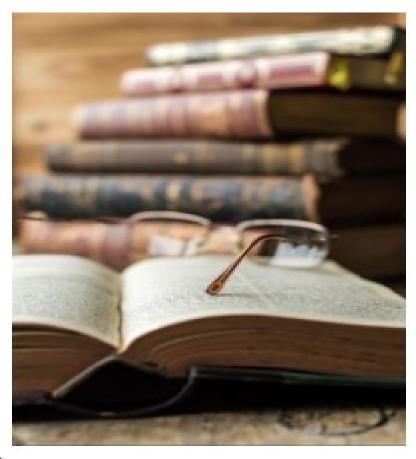
For those ill-fated ones afflicted by those conditions, they can stay sober, but the behaviors are still apparent to us. And, unless we can recognize and replace the habit of Judging Them by Their Outward Behavior, we are still outside the normal range ourselves. And, when we replace the habit of being judgmental with the habits of Compassion and Empathy, we are somewhat closer to the center line. We can change all those alcoholic behaviors when we recognize them, simply by looking deeper into our motives for our actions pointed out in the A.A. program.

<u>Steps Six and Seven</u> begin this process of recognizing our defects of character, based on our thinking, and changing the shortcomings or actions that result from those thoughts. "There are those too who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest." (BB p 58)

My question is, do we have the capacity to be accepting when we recognize that some of us have these, uncontrollable deeper-rooted issues and that we cannot compare them to ourselves and be judgmental about these difficulties. Love, Compassion and Empathy are the center line positions in these cases. They need our understanding.

"Surrender has nothing to do with giving up. It means to stop fighting."

"The Gift of Sobriety," Carrollton, Texas, February 1993, AA Grapevine





THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings "Each AA has been an individual who, because of his alcoholism, could seldom govern himself. Nor could any other human being govern the alcoholic's obsession to drink, his drive to have things his own way ... Yet we alcoholics can be led, we can be inspired."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1947, "Will AA Ever Have a Personal Government?", The Language of the Heart





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Licenses/Permits	-	200
Office Supplies	191	1,640
Office Improve/Repair	-	441
www Hosting	-	240
Payroll	2,331	11,655
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Postage	10	40
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Service material prepared by the General Service Office

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Big Book Steppers— Bonita	42	214
Big Book Steppers Naples	0	172
Bonita Banyon	0	332
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Bonita Happy Hour	0	232
Bonita Morning, Group	0	330
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Common Solutions Naples	80	453
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Early Risers	500	500
Flemsy Reed Group	132	203
Free 2 Be	0	100
Friday Nite Lights	0	200
Happy Healers	425	425
Jaywalkers	47	47
Keep It Simple	587	587
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Men Of Naples	45	64
Monday Daily Reflections	12	44
Morning Reflections	0	40
Naples Men Big Book Study	52	52
Naples Nooners	0	1,250
New Dawn	0	285
Nuts & Bolts	0	350
On Awakening	150	150
Primary Purpose Marco		
Saturday Girlfriends		
Three Legacies		
Veranta Group		
Where Are We		

Group/Meeting	<u>May 25</u>	<u>YTD 2</u>

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 Naples Area Intergroup.





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Rick G.	54 years
Paul B.	51 years
Ron P.	51 years
Ron L.	46 years
Jim B.	41 years
Jackie G.	39 years
Bill D.	37 years
Michael L.	36 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	33years
Bill S.	23'years
Ken H.	22 years
Laura .	7 years
Eric S.	6 years



# Faithful Fivers Needed

**2024** Monthly Faithful Fiver Club

April O., Bill D., Bill S., Eric S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim H., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Ken H., Ralph W., Rick G., Ron L., Theresa R., Tim A.,

We are members of A.A. who want the hand of A.A. always to be there in the Naples, Florida area.

### It's easy to join!

Use a Check or Credit Card to contribute monthly, or one time.

Stop by the Central Office for a one time Credit Card charge.

### District 20

(Collier County, the portion of Monroe County bordered by Collier and Miami-Dade Counties, and the portion of Hendry County below the northernmost boundary of Collier County.)

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### Contributions from our readers are encouraged.

Submissions are edited for space and clarity only.

### District 20

**Business Meeting:** 

Fourth Thursday of the Month, 7:00 pm New Attitudes Club 4133 Tamiami Trail E. (Lakewood & E 41) Behind Speedway Gas

### **NAPLES AREA** INTERGROUP MEETING

**Central Office** 

1509-2 Pine Ridge Rd.

(next to 24 Hour Club)

SECOND Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

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Service Opportunity

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