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CENTRAL OFFICE HAS MOVED

On Friday, April 13th we said our goodbyes to our old office, which was NOCCO's home for over 20 years. Our new office, located at 1111 E. Commonwealth, Suite D in Fullerton, is beautiful, spacious and full of the same love, enthusiasm and dedication to serving the North Orange County A.A. community. I'd like to extend a big, fat THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped with the move and prepared the new office for our arrival. Because of their efforts in getting the phones and computers wired and hooked up the same day, we didn't miss a beat!

I invite each of you to stop by the office in the next few weeks and see what's new. Our shelves are stocked, the coffee is brewing and, as always, we are grateful for the blessings of God and the support of our Fellowship. Your generosity helps ensure that the doors of this office stay open for the alcoholic who still suffers.

We are at Commonwealth and Stanford – 1 block west of Raymond.

*In Love and Service,
Roxy*



CENTRAL OFFICE NEEDS YOU!

Are you looking for a rewarding Service Commitment?

Consider a volunteer position at Central Office. Volunteers are the Lifeblood of the office and essential tools in maintaining the machinery of A.A. in North Orange County. For more information, call us at 714-773-4357 or come into the office for an application. *Six months sobriety is required.*

Remember...to keep it you gotta give it away!

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Tradition Six Quote

FROM "THE 12&12" (PGS 155-157)

"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."

In consternation, we saw ourselves getting married to all kinds of enterprises, some good and some not so good. . . We saw we'd soon be mired in politics. Even inside A.A. we found it imperative to remove the A.A. name from clubs and Twelfth Step houses. These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try.

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Year-to-Date Donations (through March 2007)

Thank you for supporting YOUR Central Office!

AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD	AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD
Anaheim	6:30pm Fri.	Gratitude is action	341.00	La Palma	Friday	Big Book Group	70.00
Anaheim	Fri. 8pm	202 W Broadway	59.96	La Palma	Wed.8pm	Sobriety First	105.00
Anaheim	Mo 7:30 PM	12 & 12 Oasis	100.00	La Habra	Sunday 10:30am		75.00
Anaheim	Mo 8:30 PM	Big Book Study Group	100.00	La Habra	Thurs.8pm	Participation	60.00
Anaheim	Womens 6&7	Tuesday 630pm	42.00	La Habra	Tuesday 8pm	Discussion	60.00
Anaheim	Thurs. 7:30pm	Oasis Big Book	221.33	La Habra	Womens 8pm	Open Discussion	35.00
Anaheim Hills	Sa 8:30 AM	It's In The Book	140.00	Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	234.00
Anaheim Hills	Th 7:00 PM	Women's Solution	67.20	NOCCO	Central Office	Bud S	20.00
Anaheim Hills	Wed.730pm	Big Book Study	130.00	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Colleen B	25.00
Brea	Tues 530pm	Mens Stag	191.00	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fiver Julie L	60.00
Brea	Mo 10:00 AM	Women's Discussion	144.50	NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee	42.00
Brea	Sa 10:30 AM	Women's Step Study	190.00	NOCCO	Central Office	Telephone Calls	16.00
Buena Park	Thurs.8pm	Kitchen Table Meeting	40.00	NOCCO		INTERGROUP	109.95
Buena Park	Couples	Couples Group	70.00	Orange	Fr 7:30 PM	"T.G.I.F., Friendship Club"	120.00
Cerritos	11th step	Sunday 6-7pm	60.00	Orange	Group 660951	Kevin O.	140.00
Cypress	Fredrick M		60.00	Orange	Mon.630am	Early Bird Discussion	70.00
Cypress	5-6pm	Sun. Happy Hour	10.00	Orange	Sa 7:00 PM	Not a Glum Lot	60.00
Cypress	Tues.730pm	Big Book Study	175.00	Orange	Sun Attit.Adj	830am OrangOlive	120.00
Cypress	Fri. 8pm	Lunatic	240.00	Orange	Tuesday	8pm Hartpark Newcomer	50.00
Cypress	Tu 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	60.00	Orange	Tu. 6:30am	Doughnut Meeting	75.00
Fullerton	daily6:00AM	Att.Adjt.FAC	174.00	Orange	Wed.7pm	Easy Does It	100.00
Fullerton	Fr 8:00 PM	St. Jude Speaker	350.00	Placentia	Mo 6:30 PM	Beginners' Sober Start	120.00
Fullerton	Fri. 6pm	Singles 4 Sobriety	25.00	Placentia	Su 7:30 PM	Sunday Nite Bradford	149.00
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Kats on the roof	31.00	Placentia	Tu 7:00 PM	Palm Ladies 12 x 12	55.00
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	50.00	Placentia	Tu 8:00 PM	Bradford Discussion	60.00
Fullerton	Mo 6:30 PM	Women Living in the Solution	100.00	Villa Park	Su 7:00 PM	11th Step Meeting	40.00
Fullerton	Sa 9:30 AM	Feelings-Fullerton Alano	10.00	Whittier	Fri.7-8pm	Big Book Study	25.00
Fullerton	Sat. 6pm	Calvary Comm. Church	43.92	Whittier	Saturday 730pm	Shepard of the Hills Spk	25.00
Fullerton	Thurs 8:00pm	Men's Stag	125.00	Whittier	Sat. 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance	25.00
Fullerton0	Thursday 600pm	Womens FAC	30.00	Whittier	Wed.630pm	Happy Hour Big Book	87.50
Fullerton	Tu 6:30 AM	Val Mesa Big Book	60.00	Whittier	Wednesday night	Shepard of the Hills Particip	18.00
La Habra	Monday 8:00pm	Greenwood Fireside	100.00	Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification	1,442.40
La Habra	Sun.10:30am	Participation Meeting	75.00	Yorba Linda	Mo 8:00 PM	Yorba Linda Lutheran Ch.	60.00
La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting	80.00	Yorba Linda	Tu PM	Rose Dr. Babtist Womens	70.00
La Habra	Sun.7pm	Sober Sunday	30.00	Yorba Linda	10:00am	Womens Tuesday	65.00
La Habra	Tu 8:00 PM	Participation	60.00			TOTAL	7,674.76

ALL DRESSED UP and NO PLACE TO GO?

Don't forget to pick up the your Orange County A.A. Meeting Directory, available at Central Office, Clubs and Fellowship Halls. For less than the price of a cup of coffee (54 cents including tax), you'll have the latest meeting information at your fingertips. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend – It's a great way to welcome a newcomer to the Fellowship!

FEB/MARCH 2007 DONATIONS

*If your meeting is not listed here,
PLEASE see your meeting secretary.*

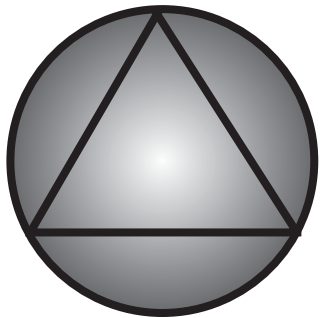
**ATTENTION
MEETING SECRETARIES**

Suggested Donations are as follows:

- ♥ **70% N.O.C CENTRAL OFFICE:**
1111 Commonwealth, Suites C&D
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Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
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P.O. Box 51446
Irvine, CA 92619
- ♥ **OPTIONAL 5% Local District Office or
Hospitals & Institutions**

See page 67 of the Orange County Meeting Directory for more info.

*Please include the following important information when submitting your group donation: **Full Meeting Name, Day, Time and City.** Please include **your name and return address** so we can mail you a receipt.*



**CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**During February and March Central Office
took 1479 calls:**

**782 from men and
697 from women.**

*Keep up the great work —
YOU make a difference!*



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Anaheim	Fri. 8pm	202 W Broadway		59.96
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Anaheim Hills	Wed.730pm	Big Book Study	30.00	100.00
Brea	Tues 530pm	Mens Stag		91.00
Brea	Mo 10:00 AM	Women's Discussion		144.50
Brea	Sa 10:30 AM	Women's Step Study		100.00
Buena Park	Couples	couples Group		70.00
Cypress	Fredrick M			60.00
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Fullerton	FAC WED.200pm	Women's Coffee Talk	35.00	
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La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting		50.00
La Habra	Tu 8:00 PM	Participation		60.00
La Palma	Friday	Big Book Group	70.00	
La Palma	Wed.8pm	Sobriety First	105.00	
La Habra	La HabraSunday 10:30am			75.00
La Habra	Thurs.8pm	Participation		60.00
La Habra	Tuesday 8pm	Discussion		60.00
La Habra	Womens 8pm	Open Discussion	35.00	
Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	60.00	81.00
Los Alamitos	Sun. 6pm	Big Book Study	30.00	
NOCCO	Central Office	Bud S	10.00	10.00
NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fiver Julie L		60.00
NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee		28.00
NOCCO	Central Office	Telephone Calls	16.00	
NOCCO		INTERGROUP	33.95	33.00
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Placentia	Su 7:30 PM	Sunday Nite Bradford	58.00	
Placentia	Tu 7:00 PM	Palm Ladies 12 x 12	55.00	
Placentia	Tu 8:00 PM	Bradford Discussion	60.00	
Whittier	Sat. 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance		25.00
Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification		665.70
	TOTALS		\$1,205.40	\$2,941.16



Looking for something to do?

Here are some upcoming events that might be of interest.

Pahrump Nevada Round-Up

“Sober Fun in the New Old West” is coming to Pahrump, NV June 8-10, 2007. Hurry and make your room reservations for the 5th Annual Round-Up at the Pahrump Nugget Hotel and Casino by calling 1-866-751-6500. Call Monica A. at 755-513-9217 or Kay T. at 775-751-9212 or Laura H. at 775-537-1827 if you have any questions.

Tri-State Round-Up

The 23rd Annual Tri State Round Up in Laughlin Nevada will be held at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino May 18-20. Activities will include Marathon Meetings, Friday and Saturday night banquets and speakers, Saturday night Dance, Al-Anon and Al-Ateen Meetings and much more. For information, visit the website: www.tristate-roundup.com or email tristateroundup@hotmail.com

ACYAA Round Up

The 35th Annual All-California Young People in A.A. Round Up is coming to the LAX Marriott in Los Angeles, CA. April 26-29, 2007. Mention ACYAA when making a hotel room reservation to get the Round-Up rate. For more information, contact Chris U. at (310) 938-3103, Marta H. at (310) 480-2423, or Elyse at (310) 626-5097.

A.A. Desert Pow Wow

June 14-15, 2007, the A.A. Desert Pow Wow with Al-Anon participation will be held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells, CA. Join in and play golf, attend meetings, take part in the 10K Fun Run, or just be of service. General information, visit www.desertpowwow.com or call SherAli J at (760) 321-6568. To volunteer, e-mail don@desertpowwow.com.

56th Annual Southern California AA Convention *The Keys to the Kingdom*

September 21-23, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim. Fellowship and sharing the message is what this convention is all about. The Convention Features: Sobriety Count Down, Around the Clock AA Marathon meetings, Friday and Saturday Night Dances, Saturday Banquet Meeting Dinner, Spanish Speaker Brunch, Alanon Luncheon, a Golf Tournament, a Fishing Tournament, 5/10k Run-Walk, a Motorcycle Poker Ride as well as Bowling and Tennis Tournaments.

There will be activities for the entire family including Al-Anon Marathon Meetings, Al-Ateen Events and a weekend full of Kid Activities. *Central Office volunteers, please plan to attend a special Saturday afternoon meeting — see program for more information.*

Go to www.aasocal.com to register.

Regularly Scheduled North Orange County Meetings

North Orange County Intergroup Association

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton (First Christian Church)

Orange County Hospitals and Institutions Committee

2nd Sunday of each month as follows:
Institutions Committee: 4-5 p.m. (Orientation at 3:15 p.m.)
Hospitals Committee: 6-7 p.m. (Orientation at 5:15 p.m.)
Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast, Garden Grove

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

1st Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
202 W. Broadway, Anaheim

North Orange County Hispanic Intergroup Association

Every Friday at 8:00 p.m.
330 N. State College Ste 207, Anaheim
Call (714) 956-7243 for information

North Orange County Public Information Committee

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
North Orange Co. Central Office, 133 W. Chapman, Fullerton
For information call Brian K. (714) 658-4581

BIRTHDAY DONATIONS



Lou H.	4/11	61 years
Harry B.	4/20	54 years
Ernie C.	4/12	26 years
Jim D.	3/18	25 years
Steve T.	3/15	12 years
John T.	4/25	8 years
Paula S.	3/1	6 years
Jenni J.	5/29	6 years

*Thank you for contributing to OUR sobriety
It's a WE Program!*

IS SOMEBODY SPECIAL CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

Gold, silver and tri-plated chips can be ordered through Central Office. Specialty medallions like sponsor chips, friendship chips and women/men in recovery are also available. All orders must be pre-paid and require one week for delivery. Please plan accordingly.

PUBLISH YOUR BIRTHDAY or SOBRIETY STORY TODAY!

To publish your birthday, send us your name, sobriety date and your contribution check (**DO NOT SEND CASH**) in the mail to: North Orange County Central Office, 133 West Chapman Suite C, Fullerton, CA 92832

THE ANONYMOUS TIMES NEEDS YOU!!

*Do you have a burning desire to share your story?
Want to help somebody else stay sober?*

Tell us how **YOU** did it! Send us your articles. Please keep the stories **700 words or less** (sorry, no poetry), and **confine the subject matter to alcoholism**.

If you include material from another source such as the Grapevine or the Big Book, please specify which page # and book. Submit your article to Central Office or e-mail to: aatimes@aanoc.com

CHECK IT OUT—DUDE! YOUNG PEOPLE'S AA MEETINGS!

Sunday

Costa Mesa	7:30 pm	Wild Bunch Beginners 12x12 301 Victoria @ College Hosp Bl, #275
Fullerton	6:00 pm	216 N. Malden (Alano Club)
Huntington Bch	7:00 pm	6622 Lakeview-Alice Brkfst/Park
Orange	7:00 pm	Chapman Univ/Argyros Forum, #202

Monday

Huntington Bch	8:00 pm	Triangle Group 18582 Beach Bl, #2 @ Ellis
Irvine	7:30 pm	Wild Bunch Men's Step Study 2025 Alton Parkway
Yorba Linda	8:00 pm	Discussion, 4861 Liverpool @ Yorba Linda (Messiah Lutheran Church)

Tuesday

Anaheim Hills	7:30 pm	Step Study/Kaiser Lakeview-Bsmt
Garden Grove	7:30 pm	Main & Stanford, Room 4

Wednesday

Huntington Bch	8:00 pm	Triangle Group Big Book Stud 2721 Delaware @ 17th
Irvine	7:30 pm	Wild Bunch Beginner Q&A Address TBD—Check NOCCO website for update
Yorba Linda	8:00 pm	Topic Discussion, 5320 Richfield Rd.

Thursday

Costa Mesa	8:00 pm	Moorehead Podium Call-up 2476 Newport Blvd @ Fair (Oddfellow Hall)
Laguna Beach	8:00 pm	Romper Room Beginners 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.

Friday

Huntington Bch	7:00 pm	Seacliff, 225 7th St., Garage #1 @ Olive
Irvine	7:30 pm	Boys in Sobriety, 4400 Barranca & Culver
Anaheim Hills	8:00 pm	Discussion, Kaiser Lakeview, Bsmt.

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Note: Group subscriptions available-call Central Office for more info.

WE'D RATHER STAY POOR

A Commentary on Tradition Six by Bill W.

I am responsible . . . When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

The sixth of our Twelve Points of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual AAs who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not AA?"



*It's the
message,
not the place;
it's the talk,
not the alms.*

Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is not the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain that easily enough; we don't need money. The core of AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses!

Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

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SPEAKER MEETINGS: May/June 2007 DON'T MISS THESE!!!

Anonymous Times would like to publish your list of speakers for July/August 2007. Contact Central Office or email to aatimes@aanoc.com. Deadline for publication is June. 15.

Friday Dreams Come True - Fullerton

7:30 pm 109 E Wilshire, Fullerton
First Christian Church

5-4 Ann W. - Fullerton
5-11 Douglas W. - Rincon
5-18 TBA
5-25 Tim S. - Fullerton
6-1 Dick O. - Fallbrook
6-8 Becky - Fullerton
6-15 Thom S. - Santa Ana
6-22 Herb G. - Torrance
6-29 John K. - Chino Hills

Friday St. Jude Speaker-Fullerton

8:00 p.m. St. Jude Hospital, Erickson Building
101 E. Valencia-Mesa

5-4 Verna B. - Pico Rivera
5-11 Kenny Bob - N. Hollywood
5-18 Jack R. - Huntington Beach
5-25 Jackie C. - Yorba Linda
6-1 Junie H. - Huntington Beach
6- 8 Bruce W. - Fullerton
6-15 Debra P. - Lakewood
6-22 Bill C. - Torrance
6-20 Glen W. - Placentia

Friday La Habra Speaker Meeting

8:00 p.m. 631 N. Euclid, La Habra
(Church, 1 block south of Whittier Blvd);

5-04 Fred L. - Brea
5-11 Ignacio - Walnut
5-18 Pending
5-25 Drew - Burbank
6-01 Ms. Pat P. - Los Angeles
6- 08 Debra P. - Lakewood
6-15 Jack B. - Anaheim
6-22 Pending
6-29 Pending

Saturday Oddfellows Speaker - Fullerton

8:00 p.m. First Christian Church
Corner of Wilshire and Harbor Blvd.

5-05 Kelly L. - Laguna Niguel
5-12 C.T. T. - Costa Mesa
5-19 Guiseppe D. - Montebello
5-26 John M. - Tustin
6-02 Frank O. - Santa Ana
6-09 Ernie C. - Fullerton
6-16 Roger Duck - Fullerton
6-23 Cliff R. - Oceanside
6-30 Richard W. - Long Beach
7-7 Bubbles O. - Fullerton

Saturday "Liverpool Speaker" Yorba Linda

8:00 p.m. 4861 Liverpool, Messiah Yorba Linda

5-5 Mickey B. - Santa Monica
5-12 Marabeth M. - Corona
5-19 Bill M. - La Habra
5-26 Moses H. - Yorba Linda
6-2 Johnnie R. - Norwalk
6-9 Kenny L. - Lakewood
6-16 Jane E. - Santa Ana
6-23 Wendy - Orange
6-30 Joyce J. - Anaheim Hills

Sunday Fullerton Alano Center

10:30 a.m. 216 N. Malden Avenue

5-6 Kenny Bob D. - No. Hollywood
5-13 Wayne P. - Marina Del Rey
5-20 Bengi B. - Huntington Beach
5-27 May Birthdays
6-3 Chuck G. - No. Hollywood
6-10 Jill B. - Santa Monica
6-17 Doug R. - Tujunga
6-24 June Birthdays



*Show up and
hear the
message of recovery!*



TRADITION SIX

“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.”

The key to this tradition seems to be the phrase, “divert us from our primary purpose.”

A long time ago, back in the formative days in New York and Akron, many alcoholics learned the disastrous consequences of getting basic sobriety mixed up with fame, fortune and personal prestige. Those early pioneers of our program had no previous experience to draw upon and a lot of them tried to use our program as a means of improving their life outside the program. Even our founder, Bill W., intended to take a paying job that involved A.A. but his peers told him this was against the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous since it appeared that A.A. was backing his personal enterprise. It was made clear to the members way back then that sobriety IS our primary purpose and anything that gets between us and that goal is extremely dangerous.

With the help of the medical profession and a lot of other good, sincere people, the public has come to realize we are ill and not lepers. Although a lot of people still condemn the individual alcoholic, most look upon the A.A. name as a beacon in the fight against a deadly and very unpleasant disease.

While Tradition Six cautions members against any activity that would harm A.A. as a whole, the gist of the Tradition (as indicated in the 12&12 book and in the A.A. pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions: A Distillation of A.A. Experience”) is about A.A. groups bringing the A.A. name into any controversy by lending the A.A. name, endorsing or financing related facilities such as clinics, hospitals, treatment centers and institutions involved in the treatment of alcoholism.

Tradition Six also discourages A.A. groups from lending the A.A. name to enterprises such as club-houses, rest farms, halfway houses, ect. A.A. will cooperate with these enterprises, but there is no affiliation with them.

This is a big Tradition and it covers a lot of territory. The Sixth Tradition makes it clear to our Fellowship that letting anything come between us and our **primary purpose**, which is sobriety, could very possibly destroy us and consequently our program.

Traditions Checklist

From the AAGrapevine – www.aagrapevine.org

The questions on the Traditions Checklist were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. While they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many A.A. groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition Six: 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.

- ✓ Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several A.A. beds in our local hospital?
- ✓ Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- ✓ Are all the officers and members of our local club for A.A.s familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs,” which is available free from GSO?
- ✓ Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
- ✓ Some alcoholics will stay around A.A. 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?

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

Have you ever heard of an alcoholic without an opinion? Neither have we! Send us yours on Tradition 7 (“Every AA group must be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”).

Mail to: aatimes@aanoc.com or

NOCCO

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Fullerton, 92831

Deadline for July/Aug issue is June 15th.



Instead

By Marie W.

Instead of a big gulp of alcohol in the morning ... I call my sponsor before I go to work. There was a day, not that long ago, that almost every day I NEEDED a drink to start my day. Before I went to the bathroom; Before I washed my face; Before I brushed my teeth. I looked for that bottle I had so cleverly hid the night before. I remember “coming to”, not really “waking up”, and the first thing that came to my mind was what intelligent place did I hide that bottle at last night. Of course there were the many frantic searches for the “bottles that got away” from me. I hid them so well that not even I could find them. Even drunk I was really good. Sometimes I would come across them later only to be amazed at how clever I was at the time I hid it and how LUCKY I was to find it now! It was a treasure! I was so happy!

How are your sunrises?

But if I couldn't find it, that was really bad. How would/could I start my day? How could I get rid of the shakes? How could I face getting dressed and going into work without a drink? Is there time to find an open liquor store before work? Will they know that I am an alcoholic? Can I pull this off again? I am sad to say that this was much of my life for many years. The bondage to that next drink; The slavery to the next bottle; The never ending buying, hiding, covering up and needing/demanding more. There was never enough!

My fantasy was to be locked in Costco over a long weekend with all those HUGH bottles of every kind of liquor there was. Think about it. I had TV, couches, beds, food, medicine for when I got sick and most importantly there was no one to tell me no. I could do whatever I wanted for as long as the weekend lasted. Ah yes, but even this fantasy had an ending.

Now, instead of drinking first thing in the morning, I call my sponsor. We set the tone for the day with talk, prayer, encouragement and sometimes tough love. Instead of hunting and finding that “first drink”, I hunt and find my sponsor who guides me toward another day of sobriety. What a difference.

With my Higher Power's love and my sponsor's “Good morning, how are you today?” the days of gulping the beginning of my day have been changed to sobriety one sunrise at a time. I like my mornings a lot better this way. How are your sunrises?

To Practice These Principles In All Our Affairs...

When I reflect on those early days when I was new to A.A., I am still in awe at how little I knew past “keep coming back”. For reasons I'll never know, my sponsor told me the first and most important part of my recovery was to search out all people I owed money to and pay them or I would drink again. I haven't had a drink since he told me that and I cleared away my money problems promptly. For many years I chose to believe that what he told me was correct; it's not so much whether the issue is right or wrong, it's whether it works or not.

He also told me that helping others would be the foundation of my own recovery, and once again, I have not had to take a drink. If I must tell you the truth today, I might say that helping others has brought me more disappointment and frustration than I brought on myself while drinking. My past experiences have shown me that all sober alcoholics are not responsible people. Evidence exists that some become greater ‘con artists’ in sobriety than they were in their drinking condition. In spite of this, my present program tells me that their use or abuse of my offer of help is none of my business. How they respond is totally irrelevant to my benefit from helping others.

My spiritual growth is dependent upon my action on their behalf, not upon their response to it. Today I'm convinced that anytime I value my privileges above my principles, I'm destined to lose both. Just because I have a right to do something doesn't mean it is right to do it. As an alcoholic I am by instinct undisciplined, but when I allow the principles of our program to discipline my actions, people who observe me do not see or know that I am undisciplined. I am by instinct a thief, but since I stopped stealing, no one knows that I am a thief.

So, to a very large extent I have become what I do; that may not seem like a very significant accomplishment for over 32 years of sobriety within the framework of alcoholics, but to me it really covers the basics of my present life. To be regarded as a responsible person, I only need to act as a responsible person. What people say or think of me is my reputation, which is absolutely unimportant and generally meaningless. What God knows of me is my character, that's all that is important.

Les E., May 13, 1991

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SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE



Concept 12 - General Warranties of the Conference

By a member of A.A. in Orange County

“In all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.”

This is the capstone for the previous 11 concepts. Like the 12th Step describes the rewards of the 12 steps and the 12th Tradition describes the rewards of the 12 Traditions, this Concept describes the rewards of the 12 Concepts. No service body in Alcoholics Anonymous strives harder than the General Service Conference to cleave to the 6 Warranties outlined above. Whoa! Warranties! That’s like a guarantee, correct? Absolutely correct.

There are two bodies of thought and principle in Alcoholics Anonymous that our co-founder, Bill W., found to be of supremely vital importance. These 6 warranties are one of those bodies and the 12 Traditions are the other. How do I know that Bill applied such importance to these two collections of principles? Are you aware that the General Service

Conference could change Step 12 at their meeting in 2007 to read something like, ***“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to the world, and practice these principles in most of our affairs.”***

Yep, they could do it with 2/3 of the General Service Conference voting to do so – that’s all it takes. But do you know what it takes to change the 12 Traditions and the 6 Warranties listed above? Listen to this: it would take the written permission of 3/4 of all the groups known to exist by the General Service Office. In other words, it ain’t gonna happen!!

Why such importance? Doesn’t it seem like a lack of proportion? Well, if you can’t see the wisdom in applying such protection to the 12 Traditions, you should probably commit to a Traditions Study for a year or so. But the 6 Warranties – why those? Because, in a very basic sense, these warranties are not warranties to the servants so much as they are warranties to the Fellowship. Bill believed that if we didn’t accumulate money and authority in any single place, and especially at the perceived top, Alcoholics Anonymous would surely survive. Upon completing the 12 Concepts, Bill wrote, “I knew that A.A. was safe at last, even from me”.

I can add nothing to that.

Editor’s Note: The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.’s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.’s World Service structure as it emerged through A.A.’s early history and experience.

Built By the One and the Many

“It is not only to the few that we owe the remarkable developments in our unity and in our ability to carry A.A.’s message everywhere. It is to the many; indeed, it is to the labors of all of us that we owe these prime blessings.”

As Bill Sees It - page 155

NECTAR OF THE GODS

I was forever indulging in my favorite pas-time. Hidden, "the Nectar of the Gods"- warm beer lay in the dark cupboards of my kitchen. Some wedged behind the refrigerator, some on the shelf. I didn't care. I needed it to make the shakes go away in the morning. Fulfilling the need was crucial. Throughout the day I worshipped the bottle. More was necessary. Blackout and all's well. Friends would tell me tall tales of my ventures. I didn't remember. I didn't care. Soon, I lost everything. Still nursing the bottle, I stayed at the Salvation Army. One day after a doctor's visit, I went to my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I found people just like me. They said to keep comin' back. I did. I haven't had a drink since. That's a miracle.

Barbara C., Sobriety date: 12-01-92

TRADITION 6 WORD SEARCH

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- PROPERTY
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Sincerely,

Dave W.

Salinas Valley State Prison

Where Am I?

This is what I'm wondering, not in the sense of my location on a map; but rather, what are my surroundings, who are these people and what is my mental state? Is this penitentiary a place of penitence and spiritual reflection, or merely a pen where one might place any out-of-control being? I think the choice is mine.

What do we do and where have we been? Do we continue to stay in a state of numbness or do we reflect on our behaviors and try to work on some sort of behavior modification? Is this modification one that is found through God or our own immense will to make a change? Is there a balance? I think the choice is ours.

Do these people in their different colors affect my action and disturb the path that I'm trying to discover and walk? Are they the ones that need to change or move out of my way? Are they even really on my path? I think the choice is mine.

All and all, we still stand tall, moving past our bad decisions. At the feet of God we kneel, with a serious but humble petition. If our minds are free of hate and our hearts are full of love, He will walk us down our paths at the price of flesh and blood. Yes, all of us have felt that pain of loss of tooth and bone; but in the end the choice is ours; please let God's will be done.

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