

Big Book

Quote of the Month

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*Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 63
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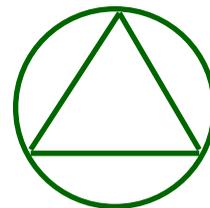
Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions

Quote of the Month

“Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness.”

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 34
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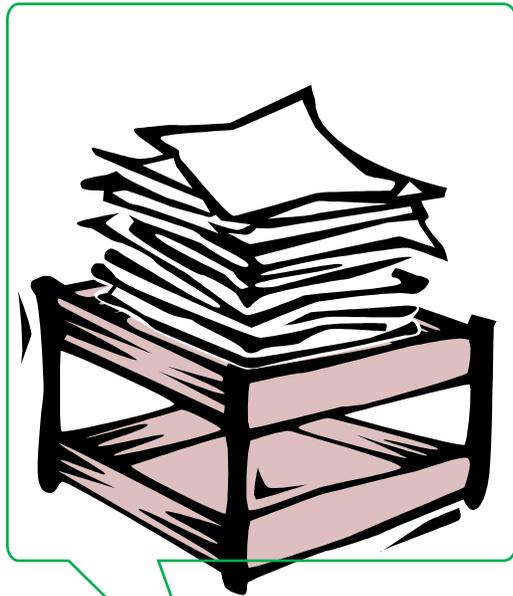
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COFFEE BREAK

MARCH 2016



Special Events

2016 NETA65 Spring Assembly

March 18th—20th

See www.neta65.org for more info as it is posted

Weatherford Group 40th Anniversary Celebration

March 19th @10am

502 E Oak St Weatherford

6th Annual District 61 Picnic

Sat. April 30th 11am-3pm

Chisolm Park—

Longhorn Pavilion

2200 Norwood Dr Hurst 76054

Southwest Regional Forum

(in District 10 , Colorado)

June 3rd—5th

Double Tree Hotel

4040 Quebec St

Denver, CO 80216

Register @ www.neta65.org

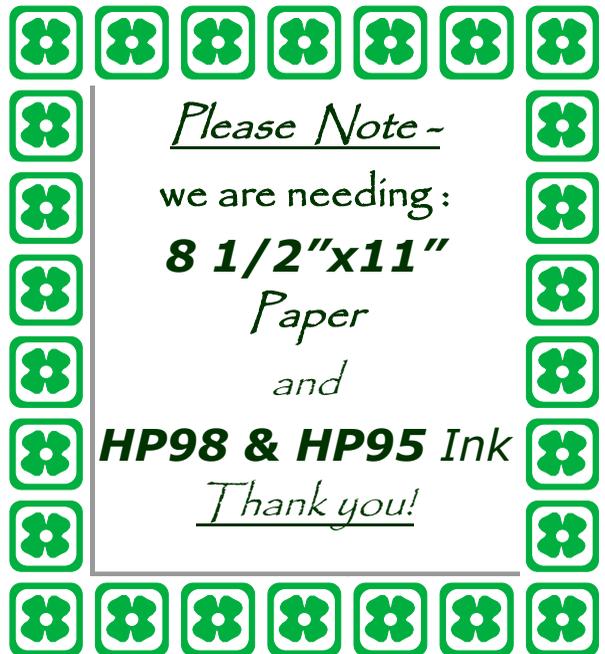
70th Annual TX State Convention

June 24-26, 2016

Double Tree Hotel

6505 N. Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78752



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we are needing:

8 1/2"x11"

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and

HP98 & HP95 Ink

Thank you!

Central Office Clipboard

Central Office

Tuesday, April 12th

Steering Committee 6pm

Central Office Reps 7pm

At Harbor Club 3000 W 5th St Fort Worth

~Combined District Six ~

Sat. April 9th-Meadowbrook-11am

~ Committee Meetings ~

Special Needs-TBA

Corrections - Sun. April 3rd -Prim.Purp.-2pm

C.P.C. /P.I. - Sat. Mar 12th-MidCities-10am

Grapevine - Sat. April 9th—Mdwbrook—10am

Treatment—Sun. April 3rd—Mdwbrook—2pm

District 61

Sat. April 9th - Foundation Group - 9am

District 62

Sat. Mar 5th —24hr Group-1030am

District 64

Sat. April 9th—GlassHouse—930am

District 74

Sun. Mar 13th—Mineral Wells-2pm

UNITY Tradition 3

Editorial:

On the 3rd Tradition

1948 Vol. 4 No. 9

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

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

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

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

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

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

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January 2016 Seventh Tradition Contributions

Acton	\$60.00	Grapevine Unity....	\$1,280.00
Alco	\$25.00	Graves Street.....	\$899.70
Argyle Group.....	\$98.00	Lnge of the Hrt.....	\$155.00
Arlington	\$100.00	Last Stop.....	\$15.00
Burleson	\$455.75	Legacy	\$75.00
ClearCut Direc.	\$705.00	Meadowbrook.....	\$20.00
Eastside.....	\$150.00	Mid-Cities.....	\$50.00
Glasshouse.....	\$5,000.00	Primary Purpos.....	\$105.00
Grand Prairie	\$50.00	Stephenville	\$20.00
Hour House.....	\$10.00	Triangle.....	\$200.27
Granbury Serenity.....	\$20.00		

****If there are any corrections please contact us and we will make the changes ASAP****

THANK YOU!!

RECOVERY

Step 3

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

“So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn’t think so. Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness . We must, or it kills us! God makes that possible. And there often seems no way of entirely getting rid of self without His aid. Many of us had moral and philosophical convictions galore, but we could not live up to them even though we would have liked to. Neither could we reduce our self-centeredness much by wishing or trying on our own power. We have to have God’s help.

This is the how and the why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn’t work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we *understood Him*: “God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!” We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 62-63
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SERVICE

Concept 3

“As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of the world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Within the framework of their general responsibilities, whether these be defined by charter, by resolution, or by custom, it should be the traditional right of all world service boards, committees, and executives to decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions. We ought to trust our world servants with these discretions, because otherwise no effective leadership can be possible. Let us consider in detail, therefore, why the need for a “right of decision” in our leadership is imperative, and let us examine how this principle can be applied practically in all levels of our structure of world services.

We have seen how the A.A. groups, under the concept of the of the “group conscience,” are today holding the ultimate authority and the final responsibility for world services. We have also noted how, by the reason of the Conference Charter and the “trusted servant” provision of Tradition Two, the groups have delegated to their General Service Conference full authority to manage and conduct A.A.’s world affairs.

The Conference and General Service Board Charters in broad terms define the responsibility of the Conference to act on behalf of A.A. as a whole. In these two documents a necessarily large area of delegated service authority and responsibility has been stacked out. These instruments, in a general way, describe the relation between the groups, the Conference, the trustees and the active service units. These broad definitions and descriptions are indispensable frame of reference, and we could not function without them.

Nevertheless it has long been evident that these highly important Charter provisions cannot by *themselves* ensure smooth functioning and proper leadership at the several different levels of service which are involved. This has become crystal clear, and we need not seek very far for the reasons.

For example: knowing that theirs is the final authority, the groups are sometimes tempted to instruct their *Delegates* exactly how to vote upon certain matters in the Conference. Because they hold the ultimate authority, there is no doubt that the A.A. groups have the *right* to do this. If the insist, they can give directives to their Delegates on any and all matters.”

A.A. Service Manual, pg. 13-14
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