

Big Book

Quote of the Month

“We went back through our lives. Nothing counted but thoroughness and honesty. When we were finished we considered it carefully. The first thing apparent was that this world and its people were often quite wrong. To conclude that others were wrong as far as most of us ever got. The usual outcome was that people continued to wrong us and we stayed sore.”

*Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 65-66
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Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions

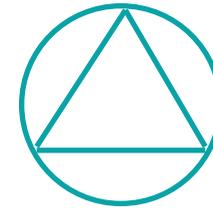
Quote of the Month

“The sponsors of those who feel they need no inventory are confronted with quite another problem. This is because people who are driven by pride of self unconsciously blind themselves to their liabilities. These newcomers scarcely need comforting. The problem is to help them discover a chink in the walls their ego has built, through which the light of reason can shine.”

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 34
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COFFEE BREAK

APRIL 2016

Special Events

Lake Whitney Group 51st Anniversary Celebration

Sat. April 16 4pm-8pm
327 FM1713 76692

Granbury Serenity 31st Anniversary Celebration

Sat. April 16th @10am
1205 N. Lipan Dr. 76048
(see enclosed flyer)

6th Annual District 61 Picnic

Sat. April 30th 11am-3pm
Chisolm Park—
Longhorn Pavilion
2200 Norwood Dr Hurst 76054

Watauga Serenity Group 13th Anniversary Celebration

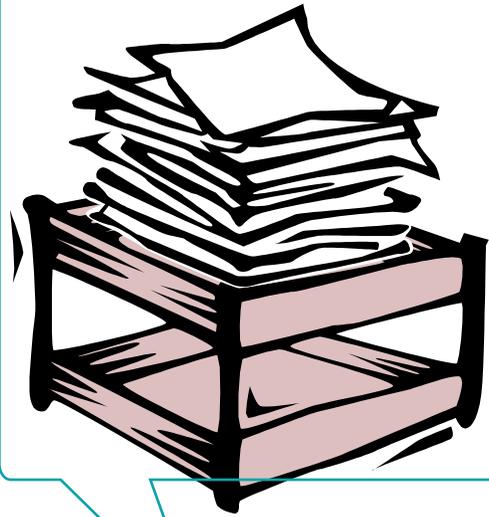
Sat. May 21st
6101 Watauga Rd Ste. E
(see enclosed flyer for details)

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"
Paper
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. May 14th-TBA-10am

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

Treatment—Sun. April 3rd—Mdwbrook—2pm

Special Needs—Sat. April 2nd—Legacy -10am

District 61

Sat. April 9th - Foundation Group - 9am

District 62

Sat. May 7th —Saginaw Group-1130am

District 64

Sat. April 9th—Glasshouse—930am

District 74

Sun. May 22nd—A Wayward Group-2pm

Step Four

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”

“ . . . Now let’s ponder the need for a list of the more glaring personality defects all of us have in varying degrees. To those having religious training, such a list would set forth serious violations of moral principles. Some others will think of this list as defects of character. Still others will call it an index of maladjustments. Some will become quite annoyed if there is talk about immorality, let alone sin. But all who are in the least reasonable will agree upon one point: that there is plenty wrong with us alcoholics about which plenty will have to be done if we are to expect sobriety, progress, and any real ability to cope with life.

To avoid falling into confusion over the names these defects should be called, let’s take a universally recognized list of major human failings---the Seven Deadly Sins of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth. It is not by accident that pride heads the procession. For pride, leading to self-justification, and always spurred by conscious or unconscious fears, is the basic breeder of most human difficulties, the chief block to true progress. Pride lures us into making demands upon ourselves or upon others which cannot be met without perverting or misusing our God-given instincts. When the satisfaction of our instincts for sex, security, and society becomes the sole object of our lives, then pride steps in to justify our excess.

All these failings generate fear, a soul-sickness in its own right. Then fear, in turn, generates more character defects. Unreasonable fear that our instincts will not be satisfied drives us to covet the possessions of others, to lust for sex and power, to become angry when our instinctive demands are threatened, to be envious when the ambitions of others seem to be realized while ours are not. We eat, drink, and grab for more of everything than we need, fearing we shall never have enough. And with genuine alarm at the prospect of work, we stay lazy. We loaf and procrastinate, or at best work grudgingly and under half steam. These fears are the termites that ceaseless devour the foundations of whatever sort of life we try to build.”

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Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages48-49

February 2016 Seventh Tradition Contributions

Acton 12.....	\$30.00	Harbor Group.....	\$450.00
Alco	\$25.00	Hour House.....	\$10.00
Aledo Group.....	\$100.00	Lnge of the Hrt.....	\$60.00
Arlington	\$100.00	Last Stop.....	\$15.00
Burleson	\$167.91	Legacy	\$75.00
Camp Bowie.....	\$75.00	Mid-Cities.....	\$50.00
ClearCut Direc.	\$700.00	Simply AA.....	\$150.00
CD6.....	\$1,236.00	Stephenville	\$20.00
District 61.....	\$30.00	Stewart Street.....	\$125.00
Eastland.....	\$10.00	Weatherford.....	\$70.00
Grand Prairie	\$50.00		

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

THANK YOU!!

Tradition Four

April 1946

“Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose— that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*”

“Says the old proverb, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last." Trite, yes. But very true for us of A.A. How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly. Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not ever be diverted from its primary purpose.

Temptation to do otherwise will come aplenty. Seeing fine works afoot in the field of alcohol, we shall be sorely tempted to loan out the name and credit of Alcoholics Anonymous to them; as a movement we shall be beset to finance and endorse other causes. Should our present success continue, people will commence to assert that A.A. is a brand new way of life, maybe a new religion, capable of saving the world. We shall be told it is our bounden duty to show modern society how it ought to live.

Oh, how very attractive these projects and ideas can be! How flattering to imagine that we might be chosen to demonstrate that olden mystic promise: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Fantastic, you say. Yet some of our well-wishers have begun to say such things.

Fortunately most of us are convinced that these are perilous speculations, alluring ingredients of that new heady wine we are now being offered, each bottle marked "Success"!

Of this subtle vintage may we never drink too deeply. May we never forget that we live by the Grace of God--on borrowed time; that anonymity is better than acclaim; that for us as a movement poverty is better than wealth.

And may we reflect with ever deepening conviction that we shall never be at our best except when we hew only to the primary spiritual aim of A.A.--"*That of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers alcoholism.*"

Bill W.

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Concept Four

“Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”

“ . . . There is another good reason for “participation,” and this one has to do with our spiritual needs. All of us deeply desire to belong. We want an A.A. relation of brotherly partnership. It is our shining ideal that the “ spiritual corporation” of A.A. should never include any members who are regarded as “second class.” Deep down, I think this is what we have been struggling to achieve in our world service structure. Here is perhaps the principal reason why we should continue to ensure “ participation” at every important level. Just as there are no second-class A.A.s, neither should there be any second-class world service workers, either.

The “Right of Participation” is therefore a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve A.A. to the necessary disciplines that our several task require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong, when the fact of our “participation” assures us that we are truly the “trusted servants” described in A.A.’s Tradition Two.”

The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service, pg. 21

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