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Coffee Break September 2016



Big Book Quote of the Month

"We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory."

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 76.

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Special Events

2016 Fall Assembly & Convention

"Our Spiritual Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts"

September 16th-18th

Hilton Garden Inn 3110 Colorado Blvd
Denton, 76210 940-891-4700

Special Needs Accessibility Workshop

September 10 2pm -4pm

@Language of the Heart Group
4121 Colleyville Blvd

Annual Grape-A-Thon

October 16th 1pm-4pm

Town North Group
12895 Josey Ln #213
Farmers Branch, 75234

Southwest Regional Forum

October 21st-23rd

Embassy Suites
3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
Rogers, AR 72758

39th Brazos Conference

A Journey Through the Steps

November 18th-20th

Camp Allen 18800 FM 362
Navasota, TX 77868

Office, Districts and Committees

Central Office Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00pm

Central Office Representatives Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm

Both meetings are at Harbor Club
3000 W. Fifth Street, Fort Worth

Combined District 6 Meetings

CD6 – Sat. Oct 8th 11am @Meadowbrook

Special Needs – Sat. Oct 1st 10am @Legacy

Corrections – Sun. Oct 2nd 2pm @Primary Purpose

C.P.C.P.I. – Sat. Oct 8th 9:30am @GlassHouse

Grapevine – Sat. Oct 8th 9am @Arlington Central

Treatment – Sun. Oct 2nd 2pm @Meadowbr.0ook

District 61

Sat. Oct 8th – Foundation Group – 9am

District 62

Sat. Sept 3rd - Northeast Group – 12:30pm

District 64

Sat. Oct

District 74

Sun. Sept 11th – Hour House Group – 2pm

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Your Fort Worth Central Office telephones are answered 24 hours a day and seven days a week. When the office is not open, the phones are answered by A.A. members who have one year or more of continuous sobriety.

Would you like to serve as an after-hours phone answering person?

You may have the phones forwarded to your home or cell phone. Please call the Central Office, 817-332-3533, to get details on how you can be of service.

RECOVERY

Step Nine

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

"Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence – these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.

After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will

Be other cases where action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Most of us begin making certain kinds of direct amends from the day we join Alcoholics Anonymous. The moment we tell our families that we are really going to try the program, the process has begun. In this area there are seldom any questions of timing or caution. We want to come in the door shouting the good news. After coming from our first meeting, or perhaps after we have finished reading the book

"Alcoholics Anonymous" we usually want to sit down with some member of the family and readily admit the damage we have done by our drinking. Almost always we want to go further and admit other defects that have made us hard to live with. This will be a very different occasion, and in sharp contrast with those hangover mornings when we alternated between reviling ourselves and blaming the family (and everyone else) for our troubles. At this first sitting it is necessary only that we make a general admission of our defects. It may be unwise at this stage to rehash certain harrowing episodes. Good judgment will suggest that we ought to take our time. While we may be quite willing to reveal

the very worst, we must be sure to remember that we cannot buy our own peace of mind at the expense of others."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pgs 83 - 84. Used with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

UNITY

Tradition Nine

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

"When Tradition Nine was first written, it said that "Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization." In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous – A.A. as a whole – should never be organized. How, then, can we have an unorganized movement which can and does create a service organization for itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, "What do they mean, no organization?"

Well, let's see. Did anyone ever hear of a nation, a church, a political party, even a benevolent association that had no membership rules? Did anyone ever hear of a society which couldn't somehow discipline its members and enforce obedience to necessary rules and regulations? Doesn't nearly every society on earth give authority to some of its member to impose obedience upon the rest and to punish or expel offenders? Therefore, every nation, in fact every form of society, has to be government administered by human beings. Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization everywhere.

Yet Alcoholics Anonymous is an exception. It does not conform to this pattern. Neither its General Service Conference, its Foundation Board, nor the humblest group committee can issue a single directive to an A.A. member and make it stick, let alone mete out any punishment. We've tried it lots of times, but utter failure is always the result. Groups have tried to expel members, but the banished have come back to sit in the meeting place, saying, "This is life for us; you can't keep us out." Committees have instructed many an A.A. to stop working on a chronic backslider, only to be told: "How I do

my Twelfth Step work is my business. Who are you to judge?" This doesn't mean an A.A. won't take advice or suggestions from more experienced members, but he surely won't take orders. Who is more unpopular than the old-time A.A., full of wisdom, who moves to another area and tries to tell the group there how to run its business? He and all like him who "view with alarm for the good of A.A." meet the most stubborn resistance or, worse still, laughter."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pgs. 172-173. Used with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

**SERVICE
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 the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

"No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility the operating result of our structure can be no better than personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. But once we have created a basically sound structure, that job is finished, except for occasional refinements.

With leadership we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity. It is therefore a problem that in its very nature cannot be permanently solved. We must continuously find the right people for our many service tasks. Since our future effectiveness must thus depend upon ever-new generations of leaders, it seems desirable that we now proceed to define what a good service leader should be; that we carefully indicate in

each level of service especially in our Board of trustees, what special skills will always be required; and that we review our present methods of finding and choosing that leadership."

The A.A. Service Manual, 2011-2012 Ed., pg. 34. Used with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

July 2016
Seventh Tradition Group
Contributions

Alco	\$275.00
Aledo.....	\$109.00
Arlington.....	\$100.00
Burleson.....	\$142.97
Camp Bowie Women's.....	\$150.00
Clear Cut Directions.....	\$525.00
Glasshouse.....	\$4300.00
Granbury Serenity.....	\$20.00
Grand Prairie.....	\$50.00
Graves Street.....	\$667.64
Harbor Group.....	\$460.00
How it Works.....	\$390.53
Language of the Heart.....	\$60.00
Last Stop.....	\$15.00
Legacy.....	\$75.00
MidCities.....	\$50.00
Olde Towne.....	\$150.00
Watauga Serenity.....	\$156.00
Saginaw.....	\$113.23
Simply AA.....	\$112.50
Stephenville Group.....	\$60.00
Weatherford.....	\$70.00

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THANK YOU!

** If there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact us and we will make the appropriate changes ASAP **

We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to your Fort Worth Central Office. Your participation helps make it possible to carry this message to the alcoholic who still suffers.