

BIG BOOK

Quote Of the Month - Big Book Quote of the Month

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Twelves Steps and 12 Traditions

Quote of the Month – It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was most wonderful revelation. *Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us.* To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, and Step Three opens the door.

Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, USED WITH PERMISSION BY AAWS., INC.

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COFFEE BREAK

MARCH 2019

SPECIAL EVENTS

General Service In AA Mock Committee Workshop

March 3 @ 1:00p-5:00p
Wylie Group, 3990 Lakeway Dr., St. Paul, TX

Spring Assembly

March 15 @ 8:00 am, March 17 @ 5:00 pm
Double Tree by Dallas
4099 Valley View Ln
Dallas, TX

Southwest Group

Group Unity
Safety and Sponsorship Workshop
Saturday, April 6th @ 2:30 pm

33rd. Annual Gathering of Eagles

2019 Memorial Day Weekend
Thurs., May 23 Kick-Off
Fri., May 24 thru Sun., May 26

Summer Assembly

June 14-16
Cleburne Conference Center
Cleburne, TX

***IF YOU ARE HAVING A
SPECIAL EVENT PLEASE CALL
OUR OFFICE OR EMAIL US
AND LET US KNOW!**

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GROUP CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY:

January \$9,237.13
February \$4,251.97
March \$1,092.71
April \$6,322.15
May \$2,009.34
June \$4,244.12
July \$6,407.33
August \$1,250.85
September \$1,852.81
October \$6,178.97
November \$11,337.20
December \$2,601.22

We are always extremely grateful for each group and each member's contribution made to The Central Office. We "Literally" could not survive without the **YOU!**

*******We will have an updated report next month! *******

Committee Meetings

Central Office Meetings

Tuesday, April 9 2019
Steering Committee Meeting – 6pm
Central Office Rep – 7pm
Location: Harbor Club in the living room
3000 W. 5th. St., Ft. Worth

Combined District Six

Sat – April 13 -- Meadowbrook Group 11:00 am

Committee Meetings

Treatment - Sun, Apr 7 @ 2pm, Meadowbrook
Special Needs – Sat. Apr. 6 @ 10 am, Harbor Club
Corrections – Sun. Apr 7 @ 2pm, Primary Purpose
CPC/PI – TBA....

District 61 Meeting

Sat – March 9 – 9am – No Name

District 62 Meeting

Sat – March 2 – 830am – Stewart St. Group

District 64 Meeting

Sat – April 13 – Meadowbrook – 9am

District 74 Meeting

Sun – March 10 – 2p – Wayward Group

Concept III

“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.. 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 they insist, they *can* give directives to their Delegates on any and all matters.”

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A.A. Service Manual 13,14

STEP III

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

“Selfishness, self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate. Sometimes they hurt us, seemingly without provocation, but we invariably find that at some time in the past we have made decisions based on self which later placed us in a position to be hurt.

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 kill 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 had 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 own 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 pgs 62,63

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Tradition III

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

“This Tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, “You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you A.A. We don't want to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So, you're an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself.”

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early time, nothing seemed so fragile, so easily breakable as an A.A. group. Hardly an alcoholic we approached paid any attention; most of those who did join us were like flickering candles in a windstorm. Time after time, their uncertain flames blew out and couldn't be relighted. Our unspoken, constant thought was “Which of us may be the next?”

A member gives us a vivid glimpse of those days. “At one time,” he says, “every A.A. group had many membership rules. Everybody was scared witless that something or somebody would capsize the boat and dump us all back into the drink. Our Foundation office* asked each group to send in its list of 'protective' regulations. The total list was a mile long. If all those rules had been in effect everywhere, nobody could have possibly joined A.A. at all, so great was the sum of our anxiety and fear.”

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Pg. 139 -140
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THANK YOU!

We had a great turnout at our Annual Chili Cook-Off and Open House!!

Thanks to all who were able to come out and join us. Whether you made chili, helped with one of the planning committees, or just came to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

It was a blast!!

Here are some final numbers for you...

Total registered - 159

Groups represented - 33

Total contributions collected - \$1,880.00

This has been our best year yet! If you interested in helping with this event next year, give me a call and I will get you in touch with the outgoing committee...

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