

The Stand

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January 1951

"After telling Dr. Bob my story, I explained how truly I needed him. Would he allow me to help him, I might remain sober myself. The seed that was to flower as AA began to grow toward the light."

"AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1951, "Dr. Bob: A Tribute", The Language of the Heart

Step Seven

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Since this step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us. Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy.

The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves toward others and toward God. It is really saying to us that we now ought to be willing to try humility in seeking the removal of our other shortcomings just as we did when we admitted that we were powerless over alcohol. If that degree of humility could enable us to find grace by which such a deadly obsession could be banished, then there must be hope of the same result respecting any other problem we could possibly have.

Just a reminder that the SWTA Summer Workshop is July 20-22
Hilton Garden Inn, Victoria, Texas

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The Seventh Tradition

*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting,
Declining outside contributions*

We do have to be practical. A group can hardly hold its regular meetings on a street corner, and an empty basket won't fill the coffee pot. As soon as we become active in a group, we learn how many expenses are involved in making its meetings effective. Then our horizons broaden. What about the intergroup or central office so many of us called to ask for help? Beyond our own locality, we learn about the A.A. General Service Office and the work it does for groups everywhere. A.A. activity is self-supporting at all levels, and in every case the responsibility comes right back to us, the individual members for we are A.A.

From Your DCM

Greetings District 12!

I hope all of you are having a great and sober summer! Another month has passed already, and although I have not been able to visit any meeting's outside of Kerrville yet, there is still hope!

I had a call from our Area 68 CFC chair, needing to connect with the correct folks in order to "Bridge the gap" for an inmate preparing to transition back into society - here in Kerrville. Connecting Bill T. with the right male counterpart - our very own Marty M. and also with our current district chair, Kara G., we began the "Bridge the Gap" process. This is one way that we continue to make a difference to the still suffering alcoholic today.

In addition Bill T. the new incoming Area 68 CFC, will visit us on the next district meeting, July 8th at the 720 club at 2:00.

I attended the Texas State AA conference in Irving, Texas on June 22 - 24th. Attendance was in excess of 1300 alcoholic souls. There were speakers from NY, NC, GA and KY. One of the high lights was the GSO speaker, Diana L. from NY, who shared her story - a 15 year old girl, trying to begin a new life in AA. She now works in the GSO office in NY. A fantastic time was had listening to the speakers and visiting with old friends and new friends alike, sharing our experience, strength and hope together!

That's all from me, I look forward to our next meeting!

Yours in Service,
Tracy

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Concept VII

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and “balance of powers” between the Conference and the General Service Board. On the one hand, the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.’s funds and services: on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board. Therefore the practical power of the Conference is in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. “Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only: but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need.”

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