

The Stand

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"By admitting where I was at fault, I was given the ability to forgive ... With forgiveness came a freedom that I had not anticipated. The amends had required nothing but courage, and a faith that my Higher Power would carry me where I had been too afraid to walk alone."

"Scene of the Crime," Sterling, Alaska, September 1993, Step By Step

Step Nine

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

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

A Poem

Some time when your feeling important
Some time when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.
Some time when you feel that your going,
Would leave an un-fillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that remains
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter,
You may stir up the water galore,
But pause and you'll see in an instant,
It looks quite the same as before.
Now the moral of this quaint example,
Is to do just the best that you can,
Believe in yourself but remember,
There is no indispensable man.

Anonymous

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From your District 12 Corrections Facilities Committee Chair

Hello community! My name is Kara G. I am your current District 12 Corrections Facilities Chair. I have been sober since 2012. I have been carrying the message and sharing the program of AA with women in the Bandera Jail for over five years. Taking meetings into the jail is the most rewarding service work I have been honored to take part in. What makes it so special, is that I get to give these women some hope that there is more to life. They may have never been presented a solution to their addiction and a design for living that works. Sometimes only a seed may be planted, but sometimes I get to see these women in our recovery community. There is a new light in their lives and they are helping others! The women I have met have changed me for the better and helped me to stay sober. What a blessing! The Bandera and Fredericksburg meetings are going strong. We are trying to reestablish a meeting at the Boerne Jail in Kendall County. The Bandera jail meetings are Tuesday evening and Boerne's will be on Wednesday evening. The Fredericksburg men have a meeting on Wednesday afternoon and the women on Friday afternoon. Please contact me for information or if you are interested in filling out an application for any of the jails. You need to be six months sober and off of any probation. If you are hesitant about taking an AA meeting into the jails, I challenge you to try it once – I doubt you will regret it. I look forward to hearing from you! 713-410-2789 or kgtc@icloud.com.

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The Ninth Tradition

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

The words "Let's keep it simple" were the last Bill W. heard from his fellow founder of A.A., shortly before Bob's death in 1950. Aware that "it" meant our recovery program, Bill later wrote, "We need to distinguish sharply between spiritual simplicity and functional simplicity. ...When we get into questions of action by groups, by areas, and by A.A. as a whole, we find that we must to some extent organize to carry the message or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity.

And yet, with so small a degree of organization, A.A. miraculously does work! One reason may be that Tradition Five applies to each A.A. committee and board as directly as it does each group. By cleaving to this one primary purpose in all its activities, the Fellowship retains "spiritual simplicity."

From your DCM

Hello,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! The days and nights should be getting cooler soon! I'm a personal favorite of Autumn, and look forward to fall colors and cool nights, Halloween trick or treaters, and the Fall Voting Assembly in November.

I attended our local celebration of the 5th Annual Austin State Capital convention held in Austin on August 10th-12th. I would like to share the Conference Preamble with you: "The Capital of Texas Conference is an annual AA conference which includes Al-Anon participation. In accordance with AA's fifth tradition, the conference has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This primary purpose is carried out through meetings, events, and fellowship animated by the spirit of service and the necessity of "absolutely insisting on enjoying life".

What an awesome weekend! In service I attended "Spiritual Disciplines" and "How big is this onion?" by Katie P & Charlie P. and it was the most rewarding workshop to date in my life. I encourage you all to attend this event next year if you can!

Yours in love and service,
Tracy M.

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Speaker Meetings

Ingram Solutions

Quarterly speaker meetings:
First Wednesday of:
March
June
September
December
Hamburgers 6:00-speaker 7:00

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Speaker meeting the second
Saturday of the month at 6:00pm

Boerne Hwy Group

Last Fri of month 8:00 pm

**Want to see your first name
and last initial in print?**

**Send stuff to
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Regional Forum

October 11-13, 2019
Houston, Texas

State Convention

June 7-9, 2019
Houston, Texas

International Convention

July 2-5, 2020
Detroit, Michigan

Fall Voting Assembly SWTA 68

November 2-4, 2018
Bee Cave, Texas
(see flyer)

District 12 meetings

Second Sunday of every month
720 Club 2:00

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 results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. Due to A.A.'s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort.

"Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example. We say to them, 'Act for us, but do not boss us.'"