

The Stand

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What Is A.A.?

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

Step 11

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.'s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary.

Those of us who have come to make regular use of prayer would no more do without it than we would refuse air, food or sunshine. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of A.A. life confirm this ageless truth.

A.A.'s Legacy of Service

The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole, namely: the general Service Office, A.A. World Services, Inc., The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and our board of trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and much of our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities.

Until 1950, these overall services were the sole function of a few oldtime A.A.'s, several nonalcoholic friends, Doctor Bob, and me (Bill W.). For all the years of A.A.'s infancy, we old timers had been the selfappointed trustees for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Want to know more? Read the A.A. Service Manual!

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Tradition 11

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Information about A.A. is being offered to the public through all the communications media, in print, over the air and on social media. According to a Conference opinion, members are breaking their anonymity when they are identified on TV and on social media when they are identified as A.A.'s and their faces are shown—whether or not their names are given. And yet these mediums, with their vast audiences, cannot be ignored.

This Tradition is a constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. In A.A., each member becomes an active guardian of our Fellowship.

About Me, your DCM (District Committee Member)

(Did you know?)

That my early recovery was in Virginia, Roanoke to be exact. Treatment was at Mt. Regis in Salem Va, they helped save my life in May of 2010. So grateful for them, and a group of amazing people who knew what was going on with me when I didn't!

That I got to Kerrville in June of 2012, retired from a 25 year career in Banking, and still sober. My sober life in the early years of 2010-2013 were the best! I began sponsoring women at one year of sobriety, loving the sober life and the new world that had opened up for me.

That I am sponsored by (Nazi) Nancy H and she is not so much a Nazi anymore. She has ESH from way back and I love that about her!

That my best friend (and first sponsor) moved down from Va., and we share an apartment here in Kerrville. It will be necessary for me to go back to my mother's house soon and will do that graciously as I continue my 9th step there, a living amends, that is.

That wraps it up for now...

Yours in Love and Service,
Tracy

Upcoming Events

SWTA Winter Workshop
January 18-20, 2019
Uvalde, Texas

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
July 2-5, 2020

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Concept 11

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

The longtime success of our General Service Board will rest not only on the capabilities of the Trustees themselves; it will depend quite as much upon the competent leadership and harmonious association of those non-Trustees, corporate service directors, executives and staff members who must carry on A.A.'s world services. Our final dependence on them will always be great indeed.

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To the Treatment Centers

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