

SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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Tradition Five:

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry it's message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Shoemaker, stick to thy last!

Better do one thing supremely well than many badly. That is the central theme of this tradition. Around it our Society gathers in unity. The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle.

The unique ability of each A.A. to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning, eloquence, or on any special individual skills. The only thing that matters is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are

easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift to God, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today



animates A.A.'s all around the globe.

There is another reason for this singleness of purpose. It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless

we give it away. If a group of doctors possessed a cancer cure, they might be conscience-stricken if they failed their mission through self-seeking.

Yet such a failure wouldn't jeopardize their personal survival. For us if we neglect those who are still sick, there is unremitting danger to our own lives and sanity. Under these compulsions of self-

preservation, duty, and love, it is not strange that our Society has concluded that it has but one high mission—to carry the A.A. message to those who don't know there's a way out. — 12 & 12

Western Trails 20th Anniversary

Saturday, May 21st
1800 Fortview
 BRING A COVERED DISH OR SALAD
 DANCE from 9:30—12:00 Call 326-9713

Legends of Sobriety XIX

Sunday May 22, 7:30 AM Shotgun Start
Riverside Golf Course 1020 Grove Blvd. 2.5 Miles east of IH 35S
 \$75 Minimum Contribution to Participate
 386-7077
Awards, Buffet, Cash Prize, Blind Draw, Longest Drive and Closest Pin

Weekend in SA with AA

June 3—June 5
 Villita Assembly Hall—401 Villita
 One Call Concierge for your Hotel Needs 1-800-848-7119
 REGISTRATION - \$25.00 PER PERSON
 WWW.AAINSA.ORG

60th Texas State Convention—Dallas

August 19-21, 2005 “I Am Responsible”
 Registration \$20—Send to: Treasurer at P.O. Box 595833 Dallas, TX 75359
 Accommodations: Harvey Hotel Hwy 114 at Esters Rd., Irving, Texas
 Call for reservations – 800-922-9222 \$72.00 Single to Quad

East Austin 17th Anniversary!

A Design for Living
Saturday, May 21, 2005 - 8AM to 8PM
 At the Riverbend Church - Quad 5
 Speakers, Workshops, Food, Fun, Music and Door Prizes
Come Help us Celebrate!



Tradition

Five

(Long Form)

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 Anonymous
 group ought
 to be a
 spiritual
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New Meetings: Turning Point

1347- A Lamar Square Dr., Sunday NOON Open Discussion

Topics from AA Conference Approved Literature

Check out our "Third Tuesday" Speaker Meeting— May Speaker Betty T.

Sunday Steps

**1801 Kinney @ Kinney Ave. Baptist Church
5:30 PM - Closed Speaker/Step**

North Austin 24

**New Meeting -Monday Through Friday at 7:00 AM
1000 Prairie Trail 837-9362**

Resources for AAs in Uniform

If you're an AA member in the military, and you'd like more information, please contact GSO by writing to:

Loners,
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

or via e-mail (lim@aa.org) for the pamphlet, AA and the Armed Services. This pamphlet acquaints the serviceman/woman with AA members in the armed services who tell how they came to terms with alcoholism and how their lives have changed since they became sober members of AA.

In addition, an AA newsletter, Loners-Internationalist Meeting (LIM), is available to service people (and others) living in remote areas of the world. Using LIM, members can write to and receive mail from other LIM members across the globe. GSO is also able to send AA literature (books and pamphlets) in response to direct requests. Please note that they are not able to fulfill third-party requests -- requests to either join LIM or to receive literature must come directly from the serviceman/woman.

For meetings in remote areas, military personnel can either call GSO at 212-870-3400 and ask for the Loners desk, write to:

Loners,
PO Box 459
Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

or e-mail lim@aa.org to receive information on all meetings GSO is aware of in remote areas. In the interests of preserving anonymity, information about meeting times and locations can only be given to AA members deployed or on civilian contract.

Text from a GSO publication

A DRUNKEN MAN WALKS into a rough-looking biker bar, sits down, and orders a drink. Looking around, he sees three men sitting at a corner table. He gets up, staggers to the table, leans over, looks the biggest, meanest biker in the eye and says, "I went by your grandma's house today and saw her in the hallway, stark naked. Boy, she is one fine looking woman!" The biker looks at him and doesn't say a word. His friends are surprised because he is easily angered and would fight at the drop of a hat.

The drunk again leans on the table and says "I got it on with your grandma and, boy is she good! The bikers' buddies are getting furious, but still their friend is silent.

The drunk leans in even closer to the man and says, "I'll tell you something else, boy, your grandma liked it!"

At this point, the biker stands up, takes the drunk by the shoulders, looks him square in the eyes, and says, "Grandpa, go home. You're drunk."

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Volunteers Needed

HILL COUNTRY INTERGROUP

1. Phone Desk at Intergroup Office*
2. 12th Step Call List*
3. Remote Phone Answering Service*

***Requires: a) six months continuous sobriety; b) taken all of AA's Twelve Steps; c) be familiar with Chapter 7 of the Big Book; and d) willing to make a one year commitment.**

Clint Ritter
Manager
512-444-0071



Meetings at Intergroup

Treatment Facilities Committee, First Monday at 7:00 PM
 Correctional Facilities Committee, First Monday at 7:00 PM
 Intergroup Reps, Second Monday at 6:30 PM
 Grapevine Committee, Second Saturday at 2:00 PM
 Board of Trustees, Third Thursday at 6:30 PM

April Volunteers at Intergroup

Office –

Jim H.
 Pete the guy
 Ian
 Pete the girl
 Roland P.
 Paul W.
 Deede C.
 Barbara
 Robert G.
 Monica
 John B.
 Marty C.
 Leslie Ann
 Kelly F.

Hotline –

Marty C.
 Patty T.
 Robert D.
 Dennis/
 Deanie
 Gary B.
 Deb J.
 David B.
 Harlan O.
 Randy R.
 Darrius P.
 Dave E.
 Cory
 Jeff P.

Bob O.
 Roland P.
 Ed B.
 Barb
 Nels A.
 John
 Gayle
 Tom
 Lauri
 Morna N.
 Patrick C.
 Joe McF.
 Jimmy
 Suzannah
 Drew W.

Thanks....

To all those
 who give so
 much of their
 time, effort,

and

personal
 resources,

that the vital
 services
 at Intergroup
 may continue
 to be offered.

—HCIA

April Donations to Intergroup

Allandale
 Bluebonnet
 Bridge to Shore
 Central
 Desire to Stop
 Dry Creek
 Firemakers
 Four Points

Giddings
 Hope
 Lambda
 Llano
 Liar's Club—Artz
 Lockhart-Into Action
 North Austin 24
 Northland

Westlake
 Wimberley
 Women's Recovery

Total \$ 3,383.00

Attention AA Members !

Join the Hill Country Intergroup's

BIRTHDAY CLUB !

Send in the information on the form below along with a suggested donation of \$1 *or more* per year of sobriety to:

HCI
1339 Lamar Sq. Dr. #204
Austin, TX 78704

HCI will acknowledge you as a member of our BIRTHDAY CLUB by sending you an ID Card and by listing your name (first name, last initial) in the *Sobriety Variety Pages*

Name _____ Address _____

Sobriety Date _____ Home Group _____

Donor Name (If Gift) _____

All donations go directly to HCI to finance the various services that we provide and to help us remain self-supporting.

HCI Birthday Club Members—April 2005

Clint R. – Turning Point Group
Marty C. – Turning Point Group
Shelley C. – Lost Pines Group (Bastrop)
Roland P. – Westlake Group
Deede C. – Turning Point Group
Bobby R. – Lost Pines Group (Bastrop)
Barb S. – Turning Point Group
Jaime L. – 174 Group
Jim T. – Industrial Group (Houston)
Janice W. – Lost Pines Group (Bastrop)
Phil C. – Central Group
Craig W. – Turning Point Group
Brent B. – East Austin Group
Becky B. – Hope Group

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