



Sobriety Variety Pages

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Hill Country Intergroup

Step 11

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

Tradition 11

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

Service concept XI

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

Letter from the editor

Many groups will have activities during the holiday season. Keep up with the calendar at intergroup's website, www.austinaa.org.

You can contribute to sobriety variety pages. Email your stories & artwork to sobrietyvariety@austinaa.org. Suggested topics for writing are available. Your input is needed and desired.

You may have time off for the holidays and a great opportunity to volunteer in the intergroup office. It is an experience you will not want to miss. Call 512.444.0071.

Yours in service, The editor

Perspective of a young alcoholic

"In the grips of alcoholic drinking I was unable to see the progression that brought me to a desire chip."

Alcohol was common place in my home. In fact, I do not recall the first time I had a drink or got drunk. I can bring to mind snapshots of the mundane and exciting moments in my early drinking but nothing was incredibly notable.

In the grips of alcoholic drinking I was unable to see the progression that brought me to a desire chip. Today the powerlessness and unmanageability I experienced is clearly defined and a great asset to my recovery and 12 step work.

I received several desire chips during an experimental phase where I attempted to drink with impunity over and over again. I "came to" following my 23rd birthday to the feeling of incomprehensible demoralization, again.

The pain was great enough. Truth be told, the pain had been great enough for quite some time. This day was different! The A.A. in my head was in conflict with the booze in my belly. I was able to recall with sufficient force. I related to my fellows in A.A. and to portions of the Big Book. I was willing to go to any length to stay sober that day.

When I began the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous my story formed. Turns out I am a common drunk. The similarities are apparent and the differences are trivial. Having thoroughly worked a first step I am qualified as an alcoholic and am able to relate to other alcoholics.

By grace and through fellowship I enjoy the opportunity to work for my daily reprieve.

-Anonymous

Donations to HCI

Sunday Steps - \$6	Four Points - \$40	Gattis School Rd. - \$6	Liar's Club North - \$152
Buda Big Book - \$94	Bridge to Shore - \$590	Pennsylvania - \$80	Austin City Wide Group - \$100
Desire to Stop - \$225	Keep 1st Things 1st - \$224	New Beginnings - \$90	Western Trails - \$100
Elgin - \$10	North Austin 24 - \$100	Lakeway (Emmaus) - \$111	Fresh Start - \$25
Krausse Springs - \$150	RR Big Book - \$8	Westlake - \$350	
Started in Service - \$13	Saturday AM Serenity - \$67	Fri. Nite Alive - \$57	
Kempner - \$30		Northland - \$625	
	Dry Creek - \$54		

HCI birthday club

Congratulations to our newest birthday club member:

Brent D. - Friday Night Group - 13 years

Become a member or give a membership as a gift to a friend in sobriety. Call or go by the intergroup office for info.

October volunteer at HCI

Office:

Gene C.; Sandy R.; Dennis "Pete" P.; John B.; Gunnar S.; Shelton G.; Gordon D.; Kevin B.; Marla K.; Renee S.; Mary L.; Marty C.; Billy C.; Pam R.; Eileen B.; Gene C.; Rolando P.; Rachel Z.; Leslie Ann D.;

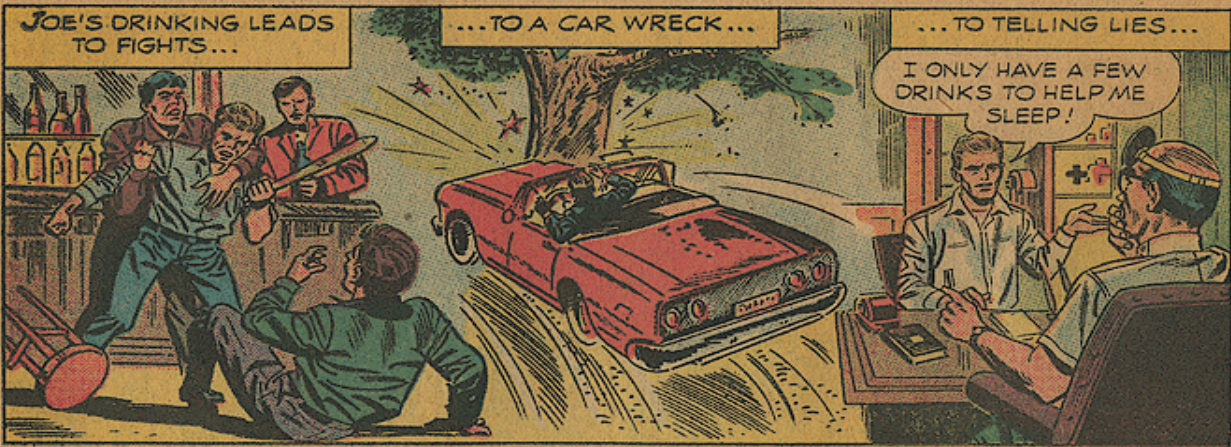
Hotline:

Scotty H.; Laney H.; Erick A.; Gary C.; Marty C.; Gary B.; Chris W.; Chris F.; Kevin M.; Harlan O.; Alex H.; Jerry T.; Darrin A.; Gayle B.; Deb J.; Carlos A.; Jim H.; Kathy L.; Dudley; Dennis/Deanie L.; Lee A.; John B.; Jennifer E.; Pam M.; Eileen B.; Ed B.; Jimmy B.; Dave E.; Leslie Ann D.; Drew W.; Ann T.; Gene C.; Danny/Tonya S.; Pam R.; Robt. G.; Phyllis M.; Erick; Nancy N.; Ian M.;

"... we tried to carry this message to others and practice these principals in all our affairs."

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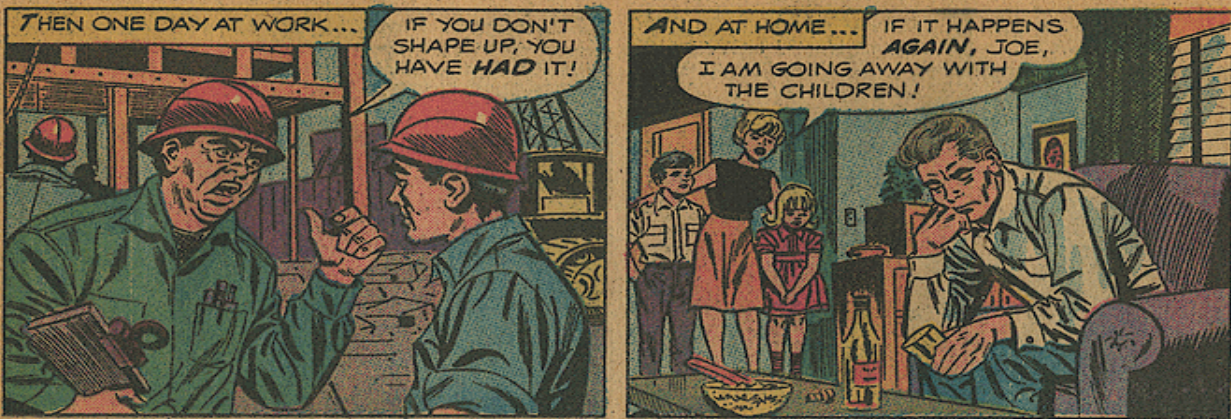
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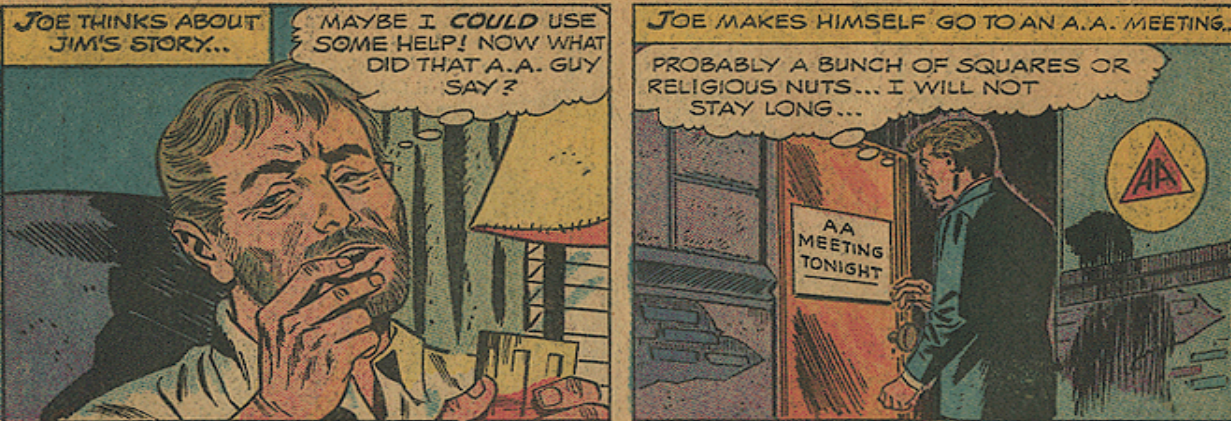
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The young people's video project

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services is inviting people to join in the young people's video project. They are requesting "digital videos that focus on the experience of getting sober between the ages of 12 and 25."

You can get all the information from a link on the Alcoholics Anonymous home page at www.aa.org.

World Services is looking for creative submissions including animation that bring out the best in getting sober young. There is no minimum time requirement and the maximum video length allowed is six minutes.

If you want to be involved in the young people's video project going on in Austin send an email to youngandsoberinaustin@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

*Help carry the
message of being
Young & Sober
in A.A.*

"if you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, but can't, that's our business."

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