

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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## Step Four

Made a  
searching  
and  
fearless  
Moral  
inventory of  
ourselves.

## "Rule 62"

AUTONOMY is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every AA group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when AA as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous? Over the years every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When AA's Traditions were first published in 1945, we had become sure that an AA group could stand almost any amount

of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error.

each AA group an individual entity, strictly reliant on its own conscience as a guide to action. In charting this enormous expanse of freedom we found it necessary to post only two storm signals. A group ought not do any-



So confident of this had we become that the original statement of AA tradition carried this significant sentence: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."

This meant, of course, that we had been given the courage to declare

thing which would greatly injure AA as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else. There would be real danger should we commence to call some groups "wet," others "dry," still others "Republican" or "Communist," and yet others "Catholic" or "Protestant." The AA group would have to stick to its course or be hope-

# 63rd Annual Texas State Convention

“One Alcoholic  
Talking To Another”  
JUNE 13-15, 2008

**MCM GRANDE HOTEL**

**FUNDOME**

6201 E. Business Loop  
20 (HWY 80)  
Odessa, Texas

### Speakers

- Willard M., San Antonio, TX
- Jose S., El Paso, TX
- Scott L., Nashville, TN
- Deb H., Bettendorf, SC
- Kenny L., Borger, TX
- Jack C., Hagerstown, MD
- Ed M., Davenport, IA
- Irene K., New York City, NY
- Palmer G., Miami, FL

### *Registration -*

\$30.00 per person  
Registration forms  
available at HCIA

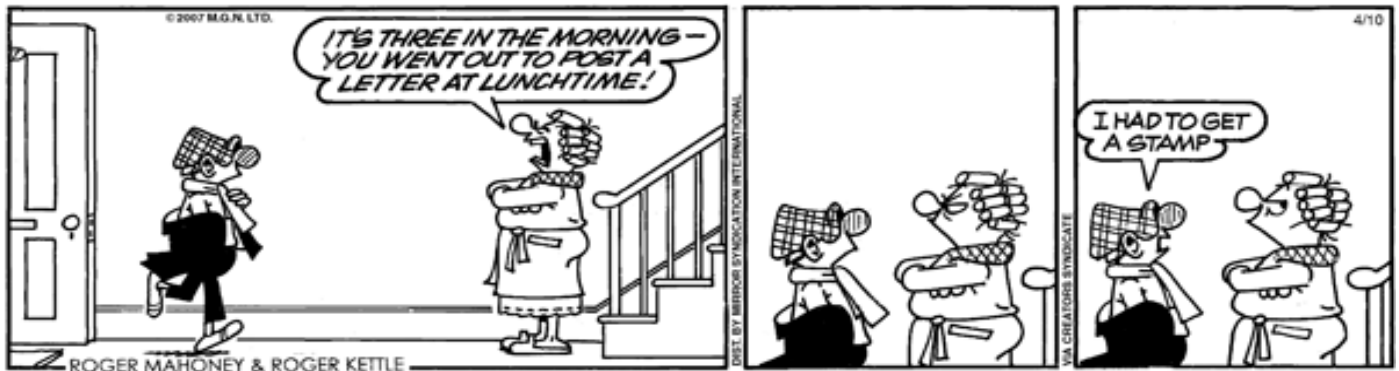
### *Room Rates:*

**\$70.00 Outside**

**\$80.00 Inside**

*For a room call*

**866-362-2311**

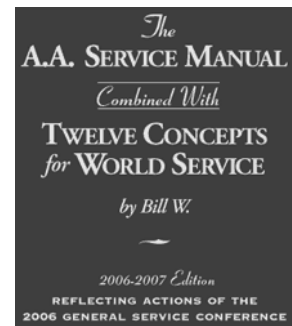


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## *Concept Four*

DON'T  
MUZZLE  
THE OX  
THAT TREADS  
THE CORN.

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.



*It's that time again.....*

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Old Timer's Banquet**



Honoring All AA Old Timers (25 years or more)  
In the Greater Austin Area

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 5:30 pm – Doors Open
- 6:30 pm – Buffet Dinner
- 8:00 pm – Sobriety Countdown & open mike
- 9:00 pm – Speaker: Lloyd J. – Carrollton, TX
- 10:00 pm – Raffle & Door Prizes

**Admission \$20 per person**  
Old Timers (25 yrs or more) **FREE!**  
(Sign in at the door)

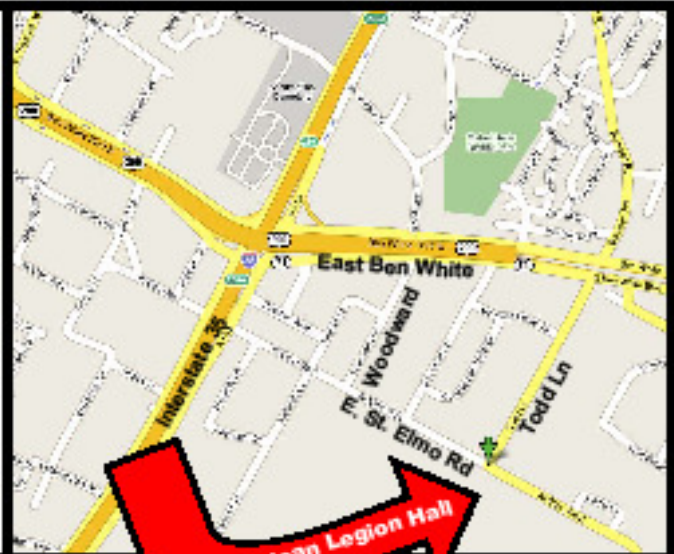
**American Legion Knebel Post 83**  
**4401 E. St. Elmo Road**  
**Austin, TX 78744**

***Tickets on sale Now!***  
***(only 250 available)***



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# WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the

## Hill Country Intergroup

### **“SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE”**



**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 am to 11:30 am**

**Northland/Suburban Foundation**

Interactive format - bring your good ideas



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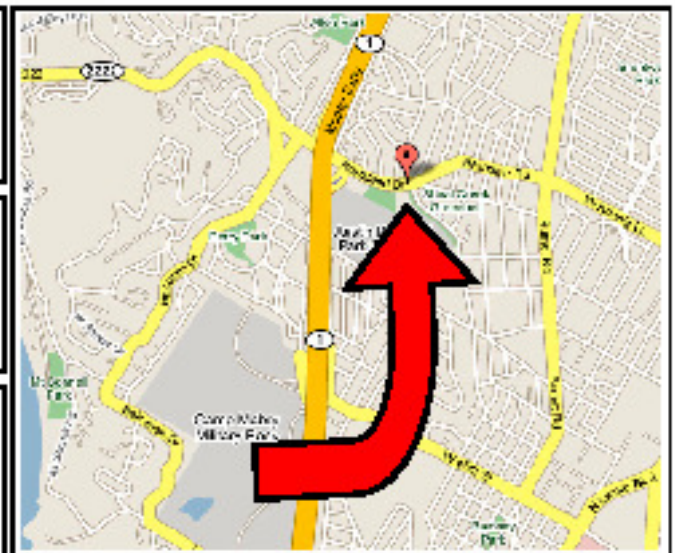
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Workshop will be hosted by the  
**Northland Group**  
at 2809 Northland Drive

Refreshments will be furnished  
by the  
**Lambda Live & Let Live group**

Workshop facilitators will be from the  
**South Austin Big Book group**







## Rule 62—continued from page one

“Don’t  
take  
yourself  
too damn  
seriously.”

lessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong.

Thus it was that under Tradition Four an AA group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it

had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself. . .and that is the very acme of humility.

Grapevine

### *Tradition*

#### *Four*

***With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.***

### March Volunteers

#### Office

Rachel Z. Gisela  
Sandy R. Mary L.  
“Pete” Kris  
Casey C. Billy C.  
Kevin B. Claire P.  
Courtney Dan W.  
W. Jimmy S.

Marla K. **Hotline**  
Jesse M.  
Marty C. Chris S.  
Heather Paul B.  
W. Scotty H.  
Paul M. Laney H.  
Pam R. Katherine H.  
Mary T.  
Eileen B.  
Jeremy B.

### *Thank You!*

Ian M. Gayle B. Karen M.  
Carlos A. Judy J. Donita T.  
Darlene V. James B. Paul B.  
Jennifer E. Rachel Z. Ruben G.  
Billy C. Shabd Julie A.  
Erick A. Keith F. Karen S.  
Nicole C. Patrick C. Erick H.  
Russell H. Bob L. Cheryl F.  
Dudley, Connie/ Ryan P.  
Gordon K. Mike Carolyn P.  
Darrin A. Barb H.

### March Donations from Groups

### *Thank You!*

Phelan Rd. Group (Bastrop)	10	Lakeway (Emmaus)	471	Into Action	30
Desire to Stop	157	Children of Chaos	40	Kyle	10
Marble Falls	100	Bridge to Shore	575		
Friday Night (Austin)	50	North Austin 24	50		
Allandale	336	Renegade Ducks	25		
Started in Service	10	New Beginnings	45		
Back to Basics (Marble Falls)	50	Sunday Steps	4		
Austin City Wide Group	150	Spiritual Awakening	34		
Elgin AA	10	South Austin Big Book	71		
Gattis School Rd.	24	Westlake AA	900		
Keep 1st Things 1st	150	Stoney Point	25	Total	\$3358

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INTERGROUP

*If you want to drink,  
that's your business.  
If you want to stop  
And can't  
that's our business.*



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## Attention AA Members !

### Join the Hill Country Intergroup's BIRTHDAY CLUB !

Bring in 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 (1<sup>st</sup> name, last initial)

In this publication.

HCIA Birthday Club - New Members March, 2008

**DELL M.  
LAKEWAY GROUP  
18 YEARS**

## Intergroup Needs Volunteers-Now!

We have fallen short of our goal to have the office staffed on a regular basis by friendly volunteers.

Imagine how it would feel if you came to the office and no one was at the front desk!

You are needed.

Come by and sign up to work the phone desk at the Intergroup Office.

Shifts are Monday thru Friday,  
10AM-1PM  
1PM-4PM  
4PM-6PM

Call 444-0071

Or come by and sign up!

Twelve step calls,  
Literature sales,  
Friendly conversation,  
Coffee,  
Come by and sign up!

