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## Step Twelve

*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

## Home Group? How about the Turning Point in South Austin?



Home group?

I didn't know what that was and really didn't care. I just came to AA to get the law off my case. I didn't want to learn AA lingo or find a, "home group."

I did find a home group though, in

spite of myself.

It's the Turning Point at 1347 Lamar Square Drive, near Maudies on South Lamar. It's a small group with a BIG voice. It has to be a big voice to get through to me. I've met a lot of good folks there. Being part of a home group makes me feel like I'm a

part of something bigger than myself.

It gives me a place to participate in something good, and get out of my crazy head. I've been sober now, in AA, for almost four years, and it's really due to the people I've met, and my homegroup. I've learned to practice a new way living and participating in a homegroup is part of that new way of life.

I would have never dreamed that I would enjoy meeting with the same group of crazy people,

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In the words of Doris Carter...

Let's Get Gussied up and Celebrate  
**the 63rd Anniversary of AA in Austin**

Thursday, December 11th at the Double Tree Hotel 6:30pm-Midnight

Chicken Picatta with Lemon Cream Sauce, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Speaker: Clancy I., California

Dance to follow.

**Sold Out Last Year! Don't Wait! Get Your Tickets Early!** Deadline Dec. 6

Tickets: \$25 See the person in your club or meeting to purchase tickets or go to Intergroup.

Belinda is responsible for the memorial at the anniversary. So if anyone is aware of our members passing this last year - please let her know. Thank you. Belinda [consultbboone@aol.com](mailto:consultbboone@aol.com) 619-0045



## *Tradition Twelve*

*And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us*

*that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great*

*blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.*

**Home group? How about The Turning Point?**

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sober!, on a regular basis to support each other in living a sober life. That is a freaking miracle! Thank you AA and thank you Turning Point.

**Billy C**

**Note from editor:**

Please write a story about your home group and send it to :

**austinaa@austin.rr.com**

To have it published in the Sobriety Variety Pages.

**Concept  
Twelve**

The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

**November Volunteers**

**Thank You!**

**Office:**

Jim H., Marty C., Glenn S., Kevin B., Marilyn C., Mark B., Lisa D., Buster S., Valarie, Rachel Z., Cullen L., Dennis “Pete” P., Kevin M., Nancy K., Billy C., James B., Marla K., John B., Eric McD., Jonathan, Garret, Kecia

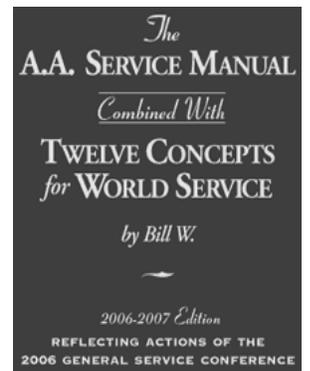
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**November Donations from Groups**

**Thank You!**

|                           |                             |                                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| New Beginnings - \$326    | Georgetown - \$150          | Austin City Wide Group - \$150 |
| Hope - \$113              | Friday Rush Hour - \$30     | Northland - \$501              |
| Bridge to Shore - \$692   | Allandale - \$260           | Phelan Road - \$10             |
| Desire to Stop - \$238    | Buda Big Book - \$20        | Sunshine - \$200               |
| Elgin - \$10              | Wednesday Rush Hour - \$100 |                                |
| North Austin 24 - \$50    | Monday Rush Hour - \$110    |                                |
| Buchanan Brown Bag - \$25 | Friday Nite Alive - \$150   | <b>Total \$ 3146</b>           |



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*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, 1825 Fortview Rd. #104, 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 November, 2008

Fred D., Driftwood - 28 years

Val S., East Austin - 18 years

Billy L., Last Call - 24 years

Michael T., East Austin - 6 years

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



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