

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

*Hill Country Intergroup*

## “P.P.G.” - a member’s story

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### Step Four

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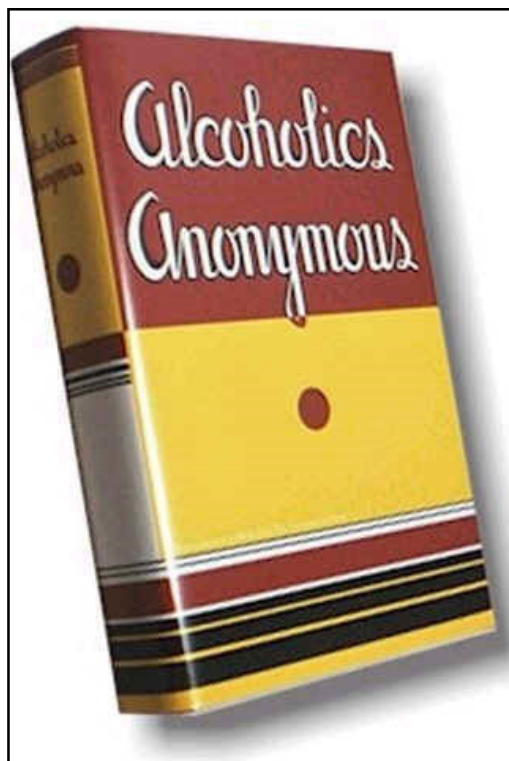
I first hear about the Primary Purpose group from my friend Charlie P.

I had run into him several times in the months previous to attending this meeting, and he kept asking me and Dave to come to what I learned was a Big Book Study. He said they used a study guide that asked questions about the Big Book. I thought, “Ugh. How dry. “I had seen a few study guides, some put out by the Jaywalker, and other sources, and they looked meticulous and boring. However, Charlie was a good friend, and soon I was embarrassed that I hadn’t even showed up once to check it out. Finally, I came to a meeting, and I was amazed when I arrived, by a number of things. First of all, there were a LOT of people there-more than a hundred. Second, the fellowship was very diverse-from people with many years to

people with a few months, and AA members that traveled from all over the

pressed with the broad range of experience from members, the variety of

responses to the selected passages, and how enlightening an experience it was to concentrate as a group on the text at hand: The Big Book. Not only was this serendipitous, but the geniality of the friendly crowd and the social atmosphere was so inviting. This group seemed to have a personality all its own and it was highly attractive. I was hooked after only one meeting! I regretted taking so long to arrive.



Austin area, or from surrounding communities like Pflugerville, Round Rock and Lago vista.. There were even a few Alanon’s coming regularly, and several potential AA members from treatment centers.

As the meeting opened and preceded, I was im-

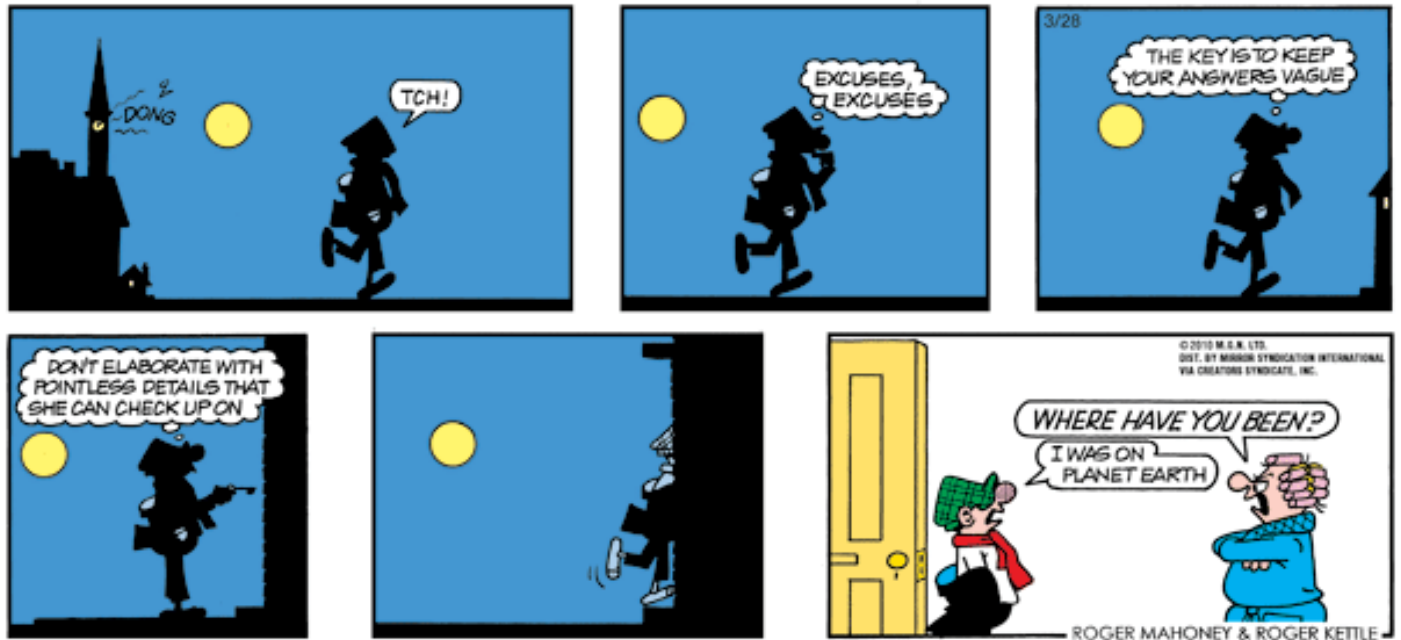
I found out that Charlie had been at a similar meeting in Dallas, liked it, and decided to start a Big Book Study in Austin, dubbed Primary Purpose, as that is the thrust of the group: service. Studying the book equips us, being available as sponsors, and sharing service commit-

NOTE:

If you are interested in having a story published about your home group please type up something containing 300-600 words in .DOC format and sent to austinnaa@austin.rr.com.

You can include a picture of your empty meeting room or preferably the front door.

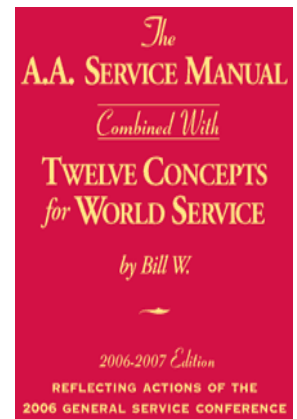
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*Concept Four*

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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.





# Applying the Traditions in your Home Group



A workshop sponsored by



**Hill Country Intergroup**  
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**512-444-0071**

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*Come join us as we hear a panel of AA members share their experience, strength and hope on the topic, and then share in the discussion afterwards.*

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

at the

Allandale Group

located at

Covenant Presbyterian Church

3003 Northland Dr.

Austin, Texas 78757

*Refreshments provided!*



"Many A.A.'s already feel that these Twelve Traditions are sound enough to become the basic guide and protections for A.A. as a whole; that we ought to apply them as seriously to our group life as we do the Twelve Recovery Steps to ourselves individually." *Excerpt from the pamphlet "AA Tradition and How It Developed"*

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

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



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

**Saturday May 1, 2010**

**6:30 pm** (Doors Open at 6:00)

**Speaker: Gary K. – Parker, Colorado**

Buffet Dinner, Sobriety Countdown, Open Mike, & Door Prizes

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

**Riverbend Church  
Fellowship Hall**  
4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy  
Loop 360 at Cedar Street,  
just south of the Pennybacker Bridge

***New location this year!***



**Tickets available now at  
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***NEW Location!***



## P.P.G. –continued from page one

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ments are the aim of Primary Purpose.

I have since served as the GSR, and have celebrated the first, second, and third anniversaries of the group, and we will soon be approaching our fourth year, now over a hundred members strong, and growing.

If you would like to participate in a unique

meeting, delve into the Big Book, or enjoy great fellowship, join us on Tuesday nights at 7:30 , at 2701 S. Lamar in the Faith United Methodist church, right across the street from Kerby Lane. It is an experience you must not miss!!

In love and service,

Norma A

## 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

Bob F.,  
Marilyn C.,  
Wayne C.,  
Kimberly H.,  
Chris R.,  
Marty C.,  
Billy C.,  
David M.,  
Andrew L.,  
Rachel Z.,  
Cathy,  
Eileen B.,  
John P.,  
Jeane R.,  
Robert G.,  
Ed E.,  
Mike W.,  
Mike U.,  
Mick P.,  
Gordon D.,  
Leslie Ann D.,  
John B.,  
Marla K.,  
Kevin B.,  
Scott C.,  
Roland P.,  
Mary Jo B.

### Hotline

Randy R.,  
Jim G.,  
Gordon K.,  
Tommy V.,  
Mike B.,  
Scotty H.,  
Will C.,  
Nicole C.,

## Thank You!

Ken B.,  
Keli D.,  
Mary Jo B.,  
Glenn S.,  
Karen M.,  
Mary T.,  
Lee A.,  
Ashley A.,  
Dennis  
“Pete” P.,  
Ian M.,  
Paul B.,  
Jim H.,  
Chris R.,  
Billy C.,  
Darrin A.,  
Amy M.,  
Eileen B.,  
Keli D.,  
Dave E.,  
Cullen L.,  
Roland P.,  
Mark A.,  
Jamie D.,  
Jerry T.,  
Nancy K.,  
Tom K.

## March Donations from Groups

Hope (Cedar Park) - \$240  
North Austin 24 - \$50  
Suburban - \$10  
Northland - \$285  
Lambda L/L - \$532  
Phelan Rd. - \$10  
Allandale - \$305  
Andice - \$161  
Simply AA - \$10  
SIS (Marble Falls) - \$50  
Bridge to Shore - \$553  
Dry Creek - \$40  
Central - \$50  
There’s a Way Out - \$50  
Bluebonnet - \$128  
Westlake - \$200

## Thank You!

Lost Pines - \$100  
Being Convinced - \$219  
Nada Glum Lot - \$232  
Pennsylvania - \$75  
Liars Club North - \$300  
Lambda L7LL - \$44  
Total \$3644

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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 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, 2010

# NO NEW MEMBERS!!!

## Intergroup Needs Volunteers-Now!

We have fallen short of our goal to have the office staffed on a regular basis by friendly volunteers. Twenty nine shifts were left uncovered in February. Imagine the times you have come 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!

