

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

Hill Country Intergroup

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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. 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

"Communist," and yet others "Catholic" or "Protestant." The AA group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly 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.



the courage to declare 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 anything 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

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

## Step Seven

Humbly  
asked him to  
remove our  
shortcomings.



Hill Country Intergroup presents a  
workshop on **FORGIVENESS**

**When?** – August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Where?** – Hope Group

120B Commercial Pkwy Cedar Park

Free Bar-B-Q Lunch!

**What time?** – 1:30pm-3:30pm

**Panelists** – Mary Jo B from Westlake &

Hank M from Bridge to Shore

\*\*\*Side dishes welcome\*\*\*

To AA members in and around Austin,

Austin Hill Country Intergroup wishes to show our sincere gratitude to all the groups who have shown their generous support over the past year. Through your regular financial donations, the valuable time you volunteered, and by supporting our Intergroup events, we have had great success this year, and have been able to serve AA, provide support, resources, and literature, and continue to carry the message to the Austin vicinity and surrounding areas.

Due to such good fortune, the Board of Trustees invites everyone to celebrate our thankfulness for your help at the Intergroup Open House on Saturday, September 11th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hill Country Intergroup office, 1825 Fortview Rd., #104 in south Austin (78704).

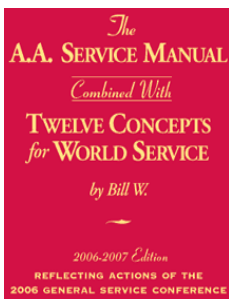
We will have some good Bar-B-Que, great fun, and fine fellowship, with many congratulations to all those who have served well our "great cause to live for."

Please join us, and bring a friend or two you may want to introduce to Intergroup and its part in the service structure, and please invite any friends or spouses looking for an easy and enjoyable way to do service.

We anticipate seeing all of you soon, and thanks again for all that you do.

In love and service,

The Board members of  
Hill Country Intergroup



*Concept Four*

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.



## June Volunteers

## Thank You!

### Office

Billy C., Marla K., Ed E., Marty C., Matt B., Kimberly H., Bob F., Mike W., Wayne C., Terri R., Mike U., Katharine F., Andrew L., Marilyn C., Scott C., Yoli B., John B., Lizz, Michael H., James B., Frank D., Mick

### Hotline

Randy R., Nick van B., Keli D., Ian M., Nancy K., Tom K., Jim H., Amy M., Meredith H., Linda B., Mary T., Maia M., Kelly Q., Dave E., Mary Jo B., Karen M., Roland P., Nicole C., Dennis/Deanie L., Cliff G., Paul B., Gunnar S., Tommy B., Gordon K., Leslie Ann D., Rick L., Carol M., Mike W., Will C., Drew W., Jim G., Beth B., Lee A.

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Gordon K., Siiri W., Nancy K., Scotty H., Jennifer E., Victor P., Roland P., Jami S., Ashley A., Susan P., Mike B., Mark B., Gary B., Harlan O., Barry F., Kevin B., Randy R., Paul B., David G., Gordon K., Siiri W., Nancy K., Scotty H., Jennifer E., Mark B., Gary B., Victor P., Paul B., DG., Chris R., Stewart G., Keith F., Mary Jo B., Jeannie H., Laney H., John B., Maggie B., Carol M., Sharon T., Jenna H.

## June Donations

## Thank You!

Suburban - \$10	Fri. Nite (Austin) - \$45	Friday Nite Alive - \$103
Hope (Cedar Park) - \$345	Bouldin - \$150	Into Action (Lockhart) - \$40
Primary Purpose ( Cedar Park) - \$30	Started in Service - \$10	Stoney Point - \$200
Georgetown - \$675	Bridge to Shore - \$656	Brushy Creek Serenity - \$50
Tin Roof - \$112	Back to Basics (Marble Falls) - \$50	Llano - \$100
Allandale - \$243	Desire to Stop - \$170	Buda 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance - \$62
North Austin 24 - \$50	Phelan Rd. - \$10	<b>Total \$4282</b>
Primary Purpose - \$1000	Northland - \$171	

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Hope (Cedar Park) - \$130	Buda Big Book - \$75	Kempner - \$25
Georgetown AA - \$259	Sunshine (Georgetown) - \$84	Bridge to Shore - \$258
1313 - \$219	Central - \$10	On the Colorado - \$40
Sat. AM Serenity - 108	Into Action (Lockhart) - \$40	Brown Bag (Kingsland) - \$25
South Austin Big Book - \$69	Started in Service - \$10	Promises - \$45
Westlake - \$250	Keep 1 <sup>st</sup> Things 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$614	Marble Falls - \$50
Turning Point - \$45	A Way Out - \$250	Live and Let Live? Lambda - \$677
Bouldin - \$425	Phelan Rd. - \$10	Burnet Noon - \$300
Lighthouse - \$100	Allandale - \$370	Suburban - \$10
		<b>Total \$4498</b>

## Tradition Seven

*The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their won members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money and authority.*

HILL COUNTRY  
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 July-August, 2010**

**Mary Jo B. (Actually May) – Austin - 38 years**

**Marty C. – Turning Point – 9 years**

**Mike – Western Trails – 1 year**

**Patrick M. – Turning Point – 11 years**

**Brian M. – Turning Point – 8 years**

## Intergroup Needs

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!



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