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## Traditions Ten & Eleven

### Tradition Ten

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

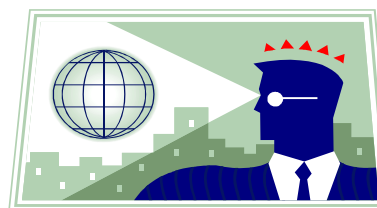
### Tradition Eleven

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”

## “All of A.A.’s Twelve Traditions were at first questions of estimate and vision for the future.”

“Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and for the more distant future. Some might feel this sort of striving to be a sort of heresy, because we A.A.’s are constantly telling ourselves, “One day at a time.” But that valuable principle really refers to our mental and emotional lives and means chiefly that we are not foolishly to repine over the past nor wishfully to day dream about the future.

As individuals and as a fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a fatuous idea of Providence. God’s real Providence has endowed us human beings with a considerable capacity for foresight, and He evidently expects us to use it. Therefore we must distinguish between wishful fantasy about a happy tomorrow and the present use



of our powers of thoughtful estimate. This can spell the difference between future progress and unforeseen woe.

Vision is therefore the very essence of prudence, an essential virtue if ever there was one. Of course, we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part, but that is better than to refuse to think at all.

The making of estimates has several aspects. We look at past and present experience to see what we think it means. From this we derive a tentative idea or policy. Looking first at the nearby future, we ask how our idea or policy might work. Then we ask how our

policies or ideas might apply under the several differing conditions that could arise in the longer future. If an idea looks like a good bet, we try it on - experimentally when that is possible. Later we reevaluate the situation and ask whether or estimate is working out.

At about this stage we may have to take a critical decision. Maybe we have a policy or plan that still looks fine and is apparently doing well. Nevertheless we ought to ponder carefully what its longtime effect will be. Will today’s nearby advantages boomerang into large liabilities for tomorrow? The temptation will almost always be to seize the nearby benefits and quite forget about the harmful precedents or consequences that we may be setting in motion.”

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## Traditions Ten & Eleven –Long Form

### Tradition Ten

“No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholic Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning

such matters they can express no views whatever.”

### Tradition Eleven

“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 broad-

cast, 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.”

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## HCIA Workshop: “How to do a Group Inventory”

Nov.13th, 2010 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
at the Wimberley Group  
located at 16933 Ranch Road 12  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
*Refreshments provided !*

## District 29 Workshop: “Anonymity- the Internet & Social Networking Sites”

**NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 3:00 PM**  
**ON THE COLORADO (OTC) GROUP**  
**530 West Loop 230**  
**Smithville, TX**

## District 3B/3C Service Workshop

NOVEMBER 20, 2010 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
617 Foundation  
617 Clifford Dr,  
Austin, TX 78704

## 65th Anniversary of AA in Austin

***“Let’s Get Gussied Up & Celebrate”***  
**Thursday, December 9, 2010**  
**Double Tree Hotel**  
**6505 IH 35 North**  
**Austin, TX 78752**  
**7:00 PM - Midnight**  
**Tickets Available at Intergroup**

## October Volunteers

Office	Office cont...	Hotline cont...	Hotline cont...
Robert C., Lizz R., John B., Frank D., Kim K., Les B., Marilyn C., Kimberly H., Marty C., Billy C., Charles M., Jon H., Jade, Mark R., Chris G., James B., Robert L.,	Charles M., Stacie P., Mike U., Rick C.  <b>Hotline</b> Robin T., Nancy K., Kimberley H., Karen M., Victor P., Roland P., Kevin B., Gunnar S., Ian M., Rick L., Mark B.,	Tommy B., Jim H., Harlan O., Kelly Q., Marty C., Maia M., Christopher C., Paul B., Glenn S., David G., Laney H., Lee A., Nicole C., Beth B., Meredith H., Mary Jo B., Amy M.,	Keli D., Mary T., Susan P., Dennis L., Deanie L., Scott C., Randy R., Jennifer E., Charles S., Drew W.

## October Donations

So What, Now What - \$150	Sunshine Group - \$81
Second Chance - \$64	Phelan Rd. - \$10
We Agnostics - \$75	Driftwood - \$177
Saturday Morning Serenity - \$91	Men's BB & 12X12 - \$27
Friday Nite Alive - \$25	
Hope (Cedar Park) - \$550	Total: \$4194
East Austin - \$248	
Allandale - \$235	
Northland - \$631	
Sunset Canyon - \$70	
Bridge to Shore - \$692	
Rainbow room - \$10	
Desire to Stop - \$228	
Brown Bag (Kingsland) - \$25	
Central - \$65	
Suburban - \$10	
Keep 1 <sup>st</sup> Things 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$730	



### *Our Critics as Our Benefactors*

*"I have come to set a high value on the people who have criticized me, whether they have seemed reasonable critics or unreasonable ones. Both have often restrained me from doing much worse than I actually have done. The unreasonable ones have taught me, I hope, a little patience. But the reasonable ones have always done a great job for all of A.A. — and have taught me many a valuable lesson."*

*From As Bill  
Sees It, page 326*

## October Birthday Club

John B.  
South Austin Big Book  
25 years (S.D. 09/26/85)



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### Join the Birthday Club!

Get an ID Card  
and have your  
Birthday  
printed in the  
Newsletter

## Want to do something for AA ???

*MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE HILL COUNTRY INTERGROUP !!*

**WE'RE WORKING TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY  
FOR THE ALCOHOIC WHO STILL SUFFERS !**

### *What does HCIA need from the AA groups and individual members?*

1. Office & Phone Volunteers. Volunteer to work in the Intergroup office, or to answer the phone during off-shift hours, 7:00 PM to 8:00 AM (phones are forwarded to AA members' home or cell phone by remote access every night). To volunteer call 512-444-0071 or 512-444-7586.
2. 12th Step Call Volunteers. Volunteer to respond to 12th Step call requests to the Hotline. To volunteer call 512-444-0071 or 512-444-7586.
3. Donations. Intergroup needs regular donations from the local AA groups and individual AA members to survive. Currently only 30% of the groups on the meeting schedule are donating to HCIA. AA guidelines suggest that 50% of a group's surplus should be donated to Intergroup, with the balance split between GSO, District, and Area Committee.
4. Groups representation via the group Intergroup Representative. This insures that HCIA is providing the services you want.

### *What HCIA does for the Austin Area AA Community?*

1. Operates a 24 Hour Hotline which:
  - A) Provides information regarding AA meetings, conferences and other events of interest, at the local, state, national and international levels.
  - B) Provides local twelfth step referrals to AA members who have volunteered for this type of service work.
2. Provides opportunities for office volunteers who:
  - A) Merchandise and sell AA and AA related literature and anniversary medallions.
  - B) Assist AA groups and other local entities in procuring speakers for various functions and events in the local community.
  - C) Publish a monthly newsletter for the Hill Country area AA community.
3. Provides a meeting place for Intergroup Representatives, Board of Trustees, and various District Committees, to include Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities, and Archives.
4. Funds and coordinates all activities related to the planning, scheduling and operation of the Anniversary of AA in Austin, Texas, and other affairs such as the Old Timer's Banquet.
5. Maintains a website containing a variety of information regarding services, meetings, upcoming events and available community resources.