

SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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Problems other than Alcohol

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Step Five

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Now there are certain things that A.A. cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our several desires or sympathies may be.

Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multi-purpose activity. An A.A. group, as such, cannot take on *all* the personal problems of its members, let alone the problems of the whole world.

Sobriety — freedom from alcohol — through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that *there is no possible way to make nonalcoholics into A.A. members*. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.

Therefore, I see no way of making nonalcoholic addicts into A.A. members. Experience says loudly that

we can admit no exceptions, even though drug users and alcoholics happen to be first cousins of a sort. If we persist in trying this, I'm afraid it will be hard on the drug user himself, as well as on A.A. We must accept the fact that no nonalcoholic, whatever his affliction, can be converted into an alcoholic A.A. member.

I'm very sure that these experiences of yesterday can be the basis of resolving today's confusion about the narcotics problem. This problem is new, but the A.A. experience and Traditions which can solve it are already old and time-tested.

I think we might sum it up like this:

We cannot give A.A. membership to nonalcoholic narcotics addicts. But, like anyone else, they should be able to attend certain open A.A. meetings, provided, of course, that the groups themselves are willing.

A.A. members who are so inclined should be encouraged to band together in groups to deal with sedative and drug problems. But they ought to refrain from calling themselves A.A. groups.



There seems to be no reason why several A.A.'s cannot join, if they wish, with a group of straight addicts to solve the alcohol and the drug problem together. But, obviously, such a dual purpose group should not insist that it be called an A.A. group, nor should it use the A.A. name in its title. Nei-

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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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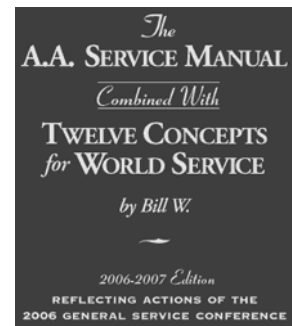


Concept Five

“Minority Opinion”

“Strange Concept”

Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.



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ther should its straight-addict contingent be led to believe that they have become A.A. members by reason of such an association.

Certainly, there is every good reason for interested A.A.'s to join with outside groups working on the narcotics problem, provided the Traditions of anonymity and of no endorsements are respected.

In A.A., the group has strict limitations, but the individual has scarcely any. Remembering to observe the Traditions of anonymity and non-endorsement, he can carry A.A.'s message into every troubled area of this very troubled world.

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Tradition Five

Each
Alcoholics
Anonymous
group ought to
be a spiritual
entity having
but one
primary
purpose—that of
carrying its
message to the
alcoholic who
still suffers.

April Volunteers

Office:

Billie C	Dan H	Larry M
John B	Mary L	James B
Marty C	Jeanne R	Glen S
Kathleen	Marilyn C	Marc A
Frank D	Claire C	
Murdo	Delea	
Pat F		

Hotline:

Linda G	Roland
Jim M	Mary T
Eileen	Mary Jo
Steven N	Jim H
Murdo	Denise T
Jerry T	Michael FO
Colby S	Nicole C
Kathleen V	Chris C
Steve VanL	

Thank You!

April Donations from Groups

Central	100	Bluebonnet	79	12&12	540
Rule 62	109	Wimberley	10	Conscious Contact	80
Into Action	20	Allandale	675	Marble Falls	100
Nada Glum Lot	640	Keep 1st Things First	280	The River Group	25
SABBG	39	7th Street Sisters	247	Our Gang	200
Firemakers	100	Promises	80	Renegade Ducks	100
Keystone	192	Lampasas	58	Brothers of 4th Dimension	58
Dharma of Recovery	50	Sunshine	179	Westlake	450
Llano	100	Bridge to Shore	652	Western Trails	25
Any Lengths	231	Georgetown	83	Serenity	45
A Way Out	100	Reading Rainbow	39	1313	341
Desire to Stop	700	Lake Travis Serenity	900	Total	7633

Thank You!

**Common
Problem
-
Common
Solution**

HILL COUNTRY
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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 (1st name, last initial)

In this publication.

HCIA Birthday Club - New Members April, 2007

Denise F. - 10 years - A New Beginning Group

DAC Donations

Central	50
Rule 62	109
Anonymous	66
SABBG	39
Keystone	82
A Way Out	50
A New Beginning	50
Any Lengths	231
Allandale	50
Keep 1st Things 1st	120
7th St Sisters	61
Bridge to Shore	150
Georgetown	83
Reading Rainbow	17
Lake Travis Serenity	100
Westlake	50
1313	341
Total	1652

Intergroup Needs Volunteers-

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 conversa-
tion,

Coffee,

Come by and sign
up!

