# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

### Hill Country Intergroup

# AA itself shall always remain poor.

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#### Step Six.

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

The sixth of our Twelve Points of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is th opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed. By those individual AAs who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall

always remain poor.
We dare not risk the
distractions of corporate wealth. Years
of experience have
proven these principles beyond doubt.
They have become
certainties, absolute
verities for us.

Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum

and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll. This experience is practically universal.



"But," say our friends,
"isn't this a confession of
weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good
with money. Why not
AA?"

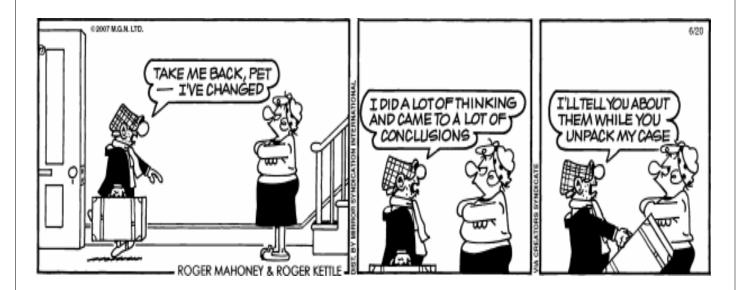
Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is

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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.

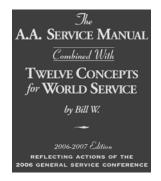
- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.
  - Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



Our leaders are but trusted servants becomes very apparent in this Concept for World Service.

#### Concept Six

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.



The Hill Country Intergroup Board invites you to an

# Open House

to visit our new office located at

Hill Country Intergroup

1825 Fortview Drive, Suite 104

Austin, Texas 78704

512.444.0071

Sat., July 28th

11am – 4pm

Come and enjoy the fellowship during the Open House and see our new office.

<u>Directions</u>: One block north of Ben White Blvd., and one block east of Manchaca Rd.

We thank you all for your support!!!

## **CHECK IT OUT!**

FYI, we have added a new feature to our ever evolving website. To check it out, simply access the website at <a href="www.austinaa.org">www.austinaa.org</a> and click on the red letters, "Click here to see Today's Meetings". All of the remaining meetings for the present day will appear in chronological order. Simply click on the group name to activate the map feature. This should make our information services even more effective.

If you'd like to give personal kudos to our web guy, Craig W., he receives email at craig@craigatx.com.

## **HEY EVERYBODY!**

The Hill Country Intergroup is officially in their new quarters

in the Fortview Center at

1825 Fortview Road, Suite #104, Austin, TX 78704, In south Austin.

This location is one block north of Ben White Blvd. and on block east of Manchaca Road. To further pinpoint this location, we are one block west of the Western Trails Group,

and directly next door to Whataburger.

Please spread the word at your home group and any other groups you attend, and feel free to come by and visit anytime. Our office hours remain 9AM to 6PM, Monday through Friday, and our Hotline phone is still 512-444-0071.

Hope to see you soon.

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not I the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The core of our AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial

Indeed, our expenses!

Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

The Language of the Heart

#### Tradition Six

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them.

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For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred.

## May Volunteers

#### Thank You!

Marty C. Kevin B. Anjanette J. Rachel Rolando P. Dennis "Pete" P. Jim H. Pam M.	Phyllis M. Gene C. Ricardo Scott C. Cindy Billy C. Roland P. Pam R. Camille W.	Norma A. Karen D. Patty G. Katie Rachel Z. Bill H. Justin	Hotline –  Eric H.  Bob J.  Jimmy B.  Chinwe  Ned L.  Tommy B.  John G.Larry K.  Meredith H.	Barb H. Mary T. Anne T. Anjanette Julie A. Deb J. Ryan P. Donita T. Mark L. Mary Jo	Eileen B. Sandra H. Bob L. Connie/Mike lan M. NA24 Karen M. Billy C. Scotty H. Pam R.	Jim H. Gordon K. Paul B. Jennifer E. Karin S. Dennis "Pete" P. Patty T. Paul J.
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# May Donations from Groups Thank You!

NA 24 -	\$50	Suburban -	\$5	Dry Creek -	\$32
Live and Let Live Lambda -	\$218	Desire to Stop -	\$122	Pennsylvania -	\$65
Second Chance -	\$10	Emmaus(Lakeway) -	\$96	Austin City-Wide -	\$92
New Beginnings -	\$145	Phelan Rd	\$10	164 Page Winners -	\$35
Sunshine Group -	\$100	Into Action (Lockhart) -	\$30	Courage to Change -	\$27
Brushy Creek Serenity -	\$140	Giddings -	\$40	Gattis School Rd. Group -	\$33
Dripping Springs -	\$260	Step Sisters -	\$14	Westlake -	\$350
Keep 1st Things 1st—	\$212	Bridge to Shore -	\$325	Fri. Nite Alive -	\$40
Sisters in Sobriety		Monday Rush Hour -	\$50	Living Faith -	\$80
(Marble Falls) -	\$17	Elgin -	\$10		
Allandale -	\$40	Llano -	\$70	T.4.1	¢2710
				Total	\$2718



If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop And can'tthat'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:

1825 Fortview Road #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 (1st name, last initial)

In this publication.

HCIA Birthday Club - New Members

May, 2007

Jamie D. 11 Years

# Intergroup

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!



# Tradition Six Continued

But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised.

While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.