



# sobriety variety pages

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## Long form of tradition seven

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should 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.

Every A.A.  
group ought  
to be fully  
self-  
supporting,  
declining  
outside  
contributions

## seventh step prayer

**My creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

## note from the editor

Dedicated volunteers have made it possible for the Sobriety Variety Pages to be published for many years by Hill Country Intergroup. We would like to acknowledge Jamie's service as editor for the better part of the last four years. Many others have contributed to this monthly newsletter in various ways and we extend our gratitude at this time.

Now, you can also contribute to this publication. Please send your ideas, writings and art work to [sobrietyvariety@austinaa.org](mailto:sobrietyvariety@austinaa.org). We look forward to including the experience, strength and hope of alcoholics like you. Each issue focuses on the step, tradition and service concept that correlates to the month of publication. Next month's issue will include the eighth step, tradition and service concept.

Please help us carry the message by sharing Sobriety Variety Pages with alcoholics in your group.

Yours in service,  
the editor

## seventh service concept

As A.A. grew up, it began with the groups—first only a few, then hundreds and then thousands. Very early an Alcoholic Foundation, later renamed The General Service Board, was formed to be responsible for our affairs. And with Dr. Bob's death and Bill's facing up to his own mortality, a General Service Conference assumed the leadership which had fallen to the co-founders.

*The Twelve Concepts for World Service*

The twelve concepts of service are the "why" of the service structure. The seventh service concept is:

The conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments; that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document; that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

## statement of purpose

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.

## Volunteer at HCI

*If you want to  
drink, that's your  
business. If you  
want to stop and  
can't — that's our  
business.*

Sign up to work at the Intergroup office,  
Answer phones after hours  
Or add your name to the 12 step call list.

Call or come by to volunteer.

512.444.0071

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Suite 104, 78704

# Open House at Hill Country Intergroup

*You are invited...*

*to attend the open house at Hill Country Intergroup*

*Saturday July 28th*

*11am to 4pm*



*1825 Fortview Road*

*Suite 104*

*one block north of Ben White & one block east of Manchaca*



*Help celebrate our new office space*

## birthday club

Join the birthday club at HCI or give it as a gift  
Bring in a suggested donation of  
\$1.00 or more for each year of the recipients'  
sobriety to:

1825 Fort View Road No. 104 Austin, TX 78704

HCI will acknowledge the recipient as a member of  
our BIRTHDAY CLUB by sending the recipient an ID  
Card and by listing new members in this publication.

### **HCI BIRTHDAY CLUB**

**Newest members:**

Richard W. of Westlake, 21 years

# volunteers at HCI

In the office: Dennis "Pete" P.  
Norma  
Cindy  
Heather W.  
Rachel Z.  
Rolando P.  
Deb J.  
Sandra C.  
Robert G.  
Elise  
Pam M.  
Camille W.  
Jim H.  
Ricardo  
Anjanette J.

Hotline: Charlotte J.  
Darrin  
Pam M.  
Marty C.  
Tammy D.  
Ruben G.  
Keith F.  
Dennis / Deanie  
Sharon T.  
Winnie  
Tom K.  
Rick L.

John P.  
Gordon K.  
Roland P.  
Stewart G.  
Kathleen M.  
Pam R.  
Darius P.  
Robert G.  
James B.  
Paul B.

**"now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give – not take – in material terms."**

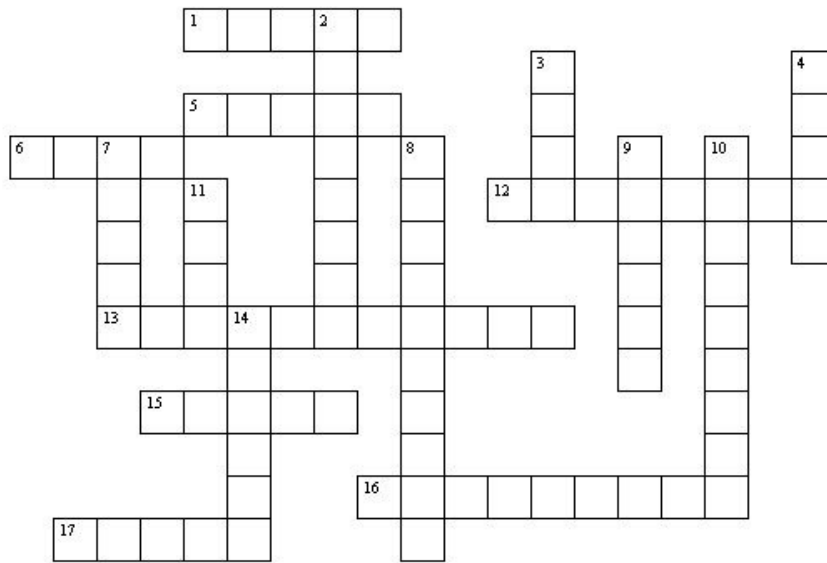
**Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix**

# group donations to HCI

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Spiritual Awakening - \$40.00           | Happy Hour (Wimberley) - \$35.00    | Bridge to Shore - \$525                       |
| Last House on the Block - \$44.00       | Burnet Noon - \$240.00              | Dry Creek - \$22.00                           |
| Back to Basics (Marble Falls) - \$40.00 | Austin City-Wide - \$100.00         | Wednesday Rush Hour (Pflugerville) - \$100.00 |
| Stoney Point - \$250.00                 | Lake Travis Serenity - \$250.00     | Lakeview - \$295.00                           |
| Desire to Stop - \$100.00               | East Austin - \$150.00              | New Beginnings - \$37.00                      |
| Dry Creek - \$19.00                     | Round Rock Big Book - \$13.00       | South Austin Big Book - \$75.00               |
| Women's Recovery - \$24.00              | Suburban - \$5.00                   | Hilltoppers - \$100.00                        |
| Things are Looking Up - \$177.00        | Gattis School Rd. - \$18.00         | Driftwood - \$57.00                           |
| Renegade Ducks - \$25.00                | So what, Now what? - \$115.00       | Liars Club South - \$107.00                   |
| Phelan Rd. (Bastrop) - \$10.00          | Jonestown (Lago Vista) - \$420.00   | Liars Club North - \$70.00                    |
| Courage to Change - \$23.00             | Started in Service - \$58.00        | <b>TOTAL = \$3,733</b>                        |
| North Austin 24 - \$50.00               | Fri. Night Group (Austin) - \$50.00 |   |
|   | Keys of the Kingdom - \$89.00       |   |



# Big Book Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Without works is dead
- 5 A.A. birthplace
- 6 \_ does it
- 12 Self \_ failed us
- 13 The root of our troubles
- 15 I am resentful at Mr. \_
- 16 The spiritual foundation of all our traditions
- 17 One side of the triangle

## DOWN

- 2 Our \_ are of our own making
- 3 Color of Big Book
- 4 To live we had to be free of
- 7 Twelve
- 8 The "number one" offender
- 9 We make \_ amends where ever possible
- 10 Housekeeping
- 11 Mr. Wilson
- 14 Type of emotional appeal witch seldom suffices

across: 1 faith, 5 Akron, 6 easy, 12 reliance, 13 selfishness, 15 Brown, 16 Anonymity, 17 unity  
 down: 2 troubles, 3 blue, 4 anger, 7 steps, 8 resentment, 9 direct, 10 inventory, 11 Bill, 14 frothy

**I am responsible...**

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out  
 for help, I want the hand of A.A.  
 always to be there. And for that:  
 I am responsible.**



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