

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

## "Shoemaker, stick to thy last!"



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### Step Five

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

"Shoemaker, stick to thy last!" ... better to do one thing supremely well than many badly. That is the central theme of this Tradition. Around it our Society gathers in unity. The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle.

Alcoholics Anonymous can be likened to a group of physicians who might find a cure for cancer, and upon whose concerted work would depend the answer for sufferers of this disease. True, each physician in such a group might have his own specialty. Every doctor concerned would at times wish he could devote himself to his chosen field rather than work only with the group. But once these men had hit upon c cure, once it became apparent that only by their united effort could this be accomplished, then all of them would feel



bound to devote themselves solely to the relief of cancer. In the radiance of such a miraculous discovery, any doctor would set his other ambitions aside, at whatever personal cost.

Just as firmly bound by obligation are the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, who have demonstrated that they can help problem drinkers as others seldom can. The unique ability of each A.A. to identify himself with, and bring recovery to,

the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning, eloquence, or on any special individual skills. the only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from god, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today animates A.A.'s all around the globe.

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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.

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"We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reasons why we should do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk. Having persevered with the rest of the program, they wondered why they fell. We think the reason is that they never completed their housecleaning."

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## **April Volunteers**

#### Thank You!

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#### April Donations from Groups Thank You!

South Austin Big Book Group - \$200 Bouldin - \$50

1313 - \$665

Georgetown - \$100

Desire to Stop - \$121

A Way Out - \$180

Phelan Road - \$10

Started in Service - \$14

North Austin 24 - \$50

Saturday AM Serenity - \$103

Elgin - \$10

Giddings - \$160

Bridge to Shore - \$682

Marble Falls - \$100

Austin City-Wide Group - \$150

Buchanan Brown Bag - \$25

Turning Point - \$50

Seniors - \$25

Four Points - \$50

Western Trails - \$200

Suburban - \$10

Sunrise at Sun City - \$42

Northland - \$867

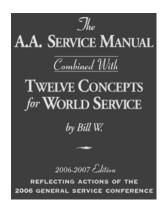
Renegade Ducks - \$25

Liars Club North - \$100

Stoney Point - \$100

# Concept Five

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive



careful

consideration.

**Total** 

\$ 4089



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:

HCI, 1825 Fortview Rd. #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)

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HCIA Birthday Club - New Members April 2009

Jenny C. – Elgin – 5 years Marlene R. – New Beginnings – 1 year Jeanne R. – W. Trails – 3 years



