

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

## “The Sixth Tradition”

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### Step Six

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

The “related facility” may be an outside group combating alcoholism-or an enterprise that A.A.’s want to start. It was the latter that most often confronted the young Fellowship. Outside agencies were pretty scarce in those days, and some members thought A.A. should cover the whole alcoholism field. Led by a “super-promoter”, one group built an all purpose center, including a section for drying-out treatment. Picture any group tackling such a project! Arguments over cost, architecture, staff, fees, medication, and rules might even make the local paper. (And Pity the poor newcomer straying into the group-“We’ll get around to you in a minute.”)

Though that ambitious center failed, some individual members have since founded successful clubhouses, rest farms, halfway houses, etc. The



enterprises are run by these A.A.’s and patronized by other members or prospective members. But money and property *are* involved. Therefore, it has proved wise to keep the operation of the facility completely separate from that of any A.A. group, and to keep “A.A.” or terms like “Twelfth Step” out of the name.

Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is “cooperation but not affiliation.” A group cooperates, for example, by

welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. But in one area, money for a rehab was solicited *at an A.A. meeting-* implying affiliation. In another, A.A. was listed among beneficiaries of a United Fund drive...

A.A. members employed by outside agencies “wear two hats”- but Tradition Six cautions any such members against wearing both at once! At meetings, they’re just A.A.’s and not alcoholism experts.



**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State AA Convention**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**June 12-14, 2009**

*Trust God. Clean House. Help Others.*

**Scheduled AA Speakers:**

- Karl M. Covina, California
- Earl H. Studio City, California
- Mildred F. Ontario, Canada
- Clancy I. Venice, California
- Tom I. Aberdeen, North Carolina

**G.S.O. Speaker:** Rick W. New York, New York

**Al-Anon Speaker:** Kathy H. Cincinnati, Ohio

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 or (800) 347-0330. Refer to the group name of "**Texas State AA.**"

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

## May Volunteers

### Office:

Kevin B., Eileen B.  
Nancy K., Buster S.,  
Phillip, Gilbert A.,  
Allison A., Elizabeth,  
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Z., Will T., Robert C.,  
Jean, Tim T., Kecia J.,  
Ted, Deiree, Kathleen  
G., Marty C., Teffany L.,  
Christopher, James B.,  
Deb J., Scott W., Scotty  
H., Dennis "Pete" P.

## Thank You!

### Hotline:

Ryan P., Carol M., Robert C.,  
Ruben G., Russell B., Jen M.,  
Gordon K., Jamie D., Sharon T.,  
Cheryl F., John G., Rick S.,  
Gordon K., Erick A., Donita T.,  
Linda/Mike M., John B.,  
Stewart G., Kelly Q., Glenn S.,  
Laney H., Scotty H., Harlan O.,  
Lee A., Alex H., James B., Paul  
B., Tommy b., Drew W.,  
Katherine H., Nicole C., Siiri  
W., Amy M., Ian M., Danny/  
Tonya S., Andrew G., Deborah  
K., Nancy K.

## 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.

## May Donations from Groups *Thank You!*

Allandale - \$110

Elgin - \$10

Burnet Noon - \$240

Buchanan Brown Bag - \$25

Hope (Cedar Park) - \$661

Central - \$30

Started in Service - \$15

Kempner - \$28

North Austin 24 - \$50

Bouldin - \$50

Austin City-Wide Group - \$150

Bridge to Shore - \$433

Northland - \$511

Four Points - \$100

Gattis School Rd. - \$500

East Austin - \$21

Lost Pines - \$151

Phelan Road - \$10

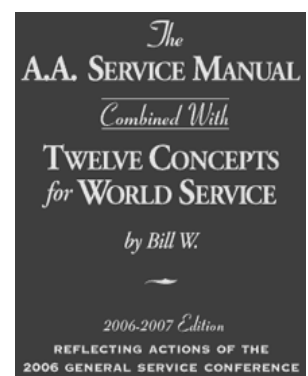
Primary Purpose (Austin) -  
\$500

Desire to Stop - \$142

Friday Nite Alive - \$50

Total

\$ 3787



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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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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 (1<sup>st</sup> name, last initial)

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HCIA Birthday Club – New Members May 2009

Becky B. – Hope Group (Cedar Park) – 12 years

Brent B. – East Austin Group – 21 years

Brad R. – South Austin Big Book Group – 12 years



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