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Our Mission

**WE WORK
24 HOURS A
DAY
FOR YOU!**

**Information 12th
Step Referrals
Service
Opportunities**

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Peace

I used to think that peace was when the bills were paid and I had plenty of whiskey to drink and the family was gone. Time went by and peace was something of an afterthought that I could not achieve anymore. I was always running from the voices in my head or trying to find another way to stay out of jail one more time. I remember sitting in the county jail and thinking that this was the only place that I was not chasing the voices away. I came to Alcoholics Anonymous to stay out of jail and I could not stay sober as I could not shut the voices in my head up. I spent 18 months chasing my tail and lying to the courts and probation officers until something happened that I still can not explain. I would blackout when drinking and not remember anything, but this time I woke up and remembered everything and it was not the worse drunk I'd ever had. The voices were quiet and I could see myself for the first time ever, and I could see the person that I had become - the person everyone said that I was. I was very sick and scared and I knew that I was going to die like this and I knew that I did not want that. I went back to AA because I did not want to die a drunk. I made the decision that I was going to give AA a chance which meant I was going to have to listen to someone other than the voices, and do the work necessary to get well. The next day I went to my probation officer and told her the truth about me. I did not do this because I was hoping for compassion. I did it because I was told by my sponsor that I had to start fresh. I was given a second chance and I have made the very best of it for quite a while now. I understand what peace is today. I do not have it all the time as the voices still try to get their point across once in a while. Peace is being OK when everything is good and being OK when everything isn't, and it is only achieved when you are in good spiritual condition. Robert C.

JULY HISTORY (A.A.'s First International Convention)

In July 1950, Alcoholics Anonymous 15th anniversary is marked with an international convention in Cleveland, with some 3,000 people in attendance. One of the most significant events is the adoption of the Twelve Traditions. (AA World Services Archives)

**Hill Country
Intergroup
Representatives
Meeting
2nd Monday
Of the
Month
6:30 PM
Covenant
Presbyterian
Church
Education Bldg.**



*HCIA Birthday Club
BIRTH DAYS*

June

Kathy K.

Sat. AM Serenity
Group

(SD April 1985)

28 YRS



JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Office -Billy C., Norma H., Dan H., Claire C., Jeanne R., Pat F., Valerie A., Robert B., Lizz R., Eileen B., John B., Leslie Ann D., Wendy F., Ron H., Chad J., James B., Rachelle A., Jamie D., Buster S., Melissa A., Marty C., Kelley D.,

Hotline -Keystone Group, Linda G., Mark A., Denise T., Primary Purpose Group, John B., Suzanne McF., Gordon K., Georgetown Group, Eileen B., Rick P., T.J. L., Mary Jo B., South Austin Big Book Group (SABBG), Meredith H., Keep 1st Things 1st Group

JUNE DONATIONS

Western Trails - \$7	The Nooner - \$100
Allandale - \$524	Reading Rainbow - \$32
Fresh Start - \$20	Brushy Creek Serenity - \$25
Anonymous Group - \$18	Primary Purpose (Austin) - \$865
Friday Nite Group - \$129	Austin Citywide - \$150
Sisters in Sobriety (SIS) - \$70	Austin Big Book Step Study - \$30
Bridge to Shore - \$705	Triangle Group - \$68
Manor - \$35	Keep 1st Things 1st - \$394
Buda 2 nd Chance - \$21	Wimberley - \$10
Anonymous Group - \$250	The River Group - \$25
Total \$3,478	

JUNE DEAF ACCESS COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Lighthouse Group - \$10	Allandale - \$50
Keystone - \$50	Wimberley - \$22
Bridge to Shore - \$150	Keep 1st Things 1st - \$169
Desire to Stop - \$75	Reading Rainbow - \$14
Austin Big Book Step Study - \$30	Austin Citywide - \$50
Total - \$620	

Our Timeless Treasure

At long last the mystery of the Serenity Prayer has been solved! We have learned who wrote it, when it was written and how it came to the attention of the early members of A.A. We have learned, too, how it was originally written, a bit of information which should lay to rest all arguments as to which is the correct quotation. The timeless little prayer has been credited to almost every theologian, philosopher and saint known to man. The most popular opinion on its authorship favors St. Francis of Assisi. It was actually written by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in about 1932 as the ending to a longer prayer. In 1934 the doctor's friend and neighbor, Dr. Howard Robbins asked permission to use that part of the longer prayer in a compilation he was making at the time. It was published in that year in Dr. Robbins' book of prayers. Dr. Niebuhr says, "Of course, it may have been spooking around for years, even centuries, but I don't think so. I honestly do believe that I wrote it myself." It came to the attention of an early member of AA in 1939. He read it in an obituary appearing in the New York Times. He liked it so much he brought it in to the little office on Vessey St. for Bill W. to read. When Bill and the staff read the little prayer, they felt that it particularly suited the needs of A.A. Cards were printed and passed around. Thus the simple little prayer became and integral part of the A.A. movement. Today it is in the pockets of thousands of AA's; it is framed and placed on the wall of AA meeting rooms though out the world; it appears monthly on the back cover of your magazine and every now and then someone tells us that we have quoted it incorrectly: We Have.

As it was originally written: God give me the serenity to accept things which cannot be changed; Give me courage to change things which must be changed; And the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

Dr. Niebuhr doesn't seem to mind that his prayer is incorrectly quoted...a comma ... a preposition ... even several verbs ... the meaning and the message remain intact. "In fact," says the good doctor, "in some respects, I believe your way is better."

Reprinted from the Grapevine

AA HUMOR SECTION

You Might Be An Alcoholic If:
 You are lying in bed and it feels like you're on a merry-go-round.
 You have a reserved parking space at the liquor store.
 Absolut wants to run an add featuring a picture of your liver in the shape of a bottle.
 The producers of the television program "Cops" sends you Christmas cards.
 Vampires get woozy after biting you.
 The bottle's empty... is a drinking problem.



AA Thought For The Month
Firecrackers

When we first go into AA we are firecrackers with short wicks and when those short wicks get lighted with resentment or self-pity or any of the things that cause us to off on a tangent, it doesn't take long before we explode. The longer we go to meetings, the longer the wick becomes.

Thank You for Sharing, p61



HCIA DEAF ACCESS





“Cling to the thought that, in God’s hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have—the key to life and happiness for others. With it you can avert death and misery for them”.
Bill W.

Capital Of Texas Conference 2014

Get ready for Austin’s Conference. The first ever Capital Of Texas Conference will be held in August 15-17, 2014. The conference committee chairs have been elected and are working to put together a great conference right here at home.

Future Fundraising Events:

Every First Friday is Trivia Night at Any Lengths Group.

July 27 CTC hosts a Pancake Breakfast at the 617 Foundation.

Registration is available online at the website. You can also download the registration flyer and mail it in.

Check the CTC Website Or HCI Website for more information.

Monthly Committee meetings are held the last 4th Sunday of the Monday at different locations so check the website for the next and time.

The Conference Website Address:

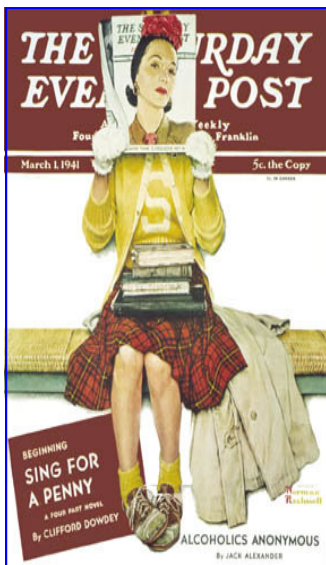
<http://www.capitaloftexasconference.org>

Come visit our website and if you have any feed back please email the Website Coordinator.

webmaster@capitaloftexasconference.org

THEME OF CONFERENCE IS:

“We Will Be Amazed...”



Hill Country Intergroup Volunteer Appreciation Day

Date: 08/03/2013

Volunteer Appreciation Day

*Time: 1:30 pm-
4:00 pm*

Where: 617 Foundation
Address: 617 Clifford St.
Austin, Texas 78745

HCIA will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day for all volunteers that have helped to make HCIA a success in the AA Community. All volunteers that have worked in the Intergroup office, the hotline, group representatives and board members are invited to attend.

- *1:30 - Lunch is Served*
- *2:30—Open Mic & Outstanding Service Award*
- *3:00 Speakers—Rita L. & Roger L.*

Fajita's with all the fixing's but come early or be on time because once the food is gone it's gone.

Hill Country Intergroup Volunteer Appreciation Day

For more information please call Clint at 512-444-0071 or Phyllis M. at 512-653-8922 or view the HCIA website at: www.austinaa.org

HILL COUNTRY
INTERGROUP



If you would like to help with the HCI Newsletter or you would like to volunteer at the Intergroup office you can contact us at (512) 444-0071. There are many opportunities for service work. You can also sign up to be on the 12th step list. Volunteering through the intergroup is a great experience. The Sobriety pages is always looking for articles. Tell you story or pick a topic.

The Sobriety Variety pages wants to tell your story. We also want to print your experiences with sobriety and service. Please send in your stories to:
hcieditor@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events For July and Beyond

July 11-14 - ICYPAA 2013
Phoenix, AZ

July 12-14 - SWTA 68
Summer Workshop!

July 13th - Lost Pines Speaker
Meeting!

July 20th - Florence Renaissance
Group Speaker Meeting!

July 20th - Austin Citywide
Speaker Meeting and Potluck!

July 20th - The Patio Meeting
Paige, TX

August 2nd - Trivia Night
Fundraiser for CTC Conference

August 3rd - Family Night at
Northland Group!

August 3rd - HCI
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DAY!

August 4th - Pancakes/Speaker
for Fellowship in the Pines!

August 10th - District 8E
Sponsorship Workshop!

August 16-18 - SWTA 68
PI/CPC Conference!

August 16-18 - 32nd Annual
District 90 Convention!

August 23-25th - Hill Country
Roundup Kerrville, TX!

September 5-8 - Seniors in
Sobriety 8th International
Conference

October 4-6 - Fellowship In The
Pines Conference (FITP)
Smithville, TX!

For more information on
these or any upcoming events
go to the Hill Country
Intergroup Website.

www.austinaa.org

You will find flyers with all
the pertinent information for
the event and a map to the
location.

