

SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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Step Four

Made a
searching
and
fearless
Moral
inventory of
ourselves.

“Rule 62”

AUTONOMY is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every AA group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when AA as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous?

Over the years every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When AA's Traditions were first published in 1945, we had become sure that an AA group could stand almost any amount

of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error.

each AA group an individual entity, strictly reliant on its own conscience as a guide to action. In charting this enormous expanse of freedom we found it necessary to post only two storm signals. A group ought not do any-



So confident of this had we become that the original statement of AA tradition carried this significant sentence: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."

This meant, of course, that we had been given the courage to declare

thing which would greatly injure AA as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else. There would be real danger should we commence to call some groups "wet," others "dry," still others "Republican" or "Communist," and yet others "Catholic" or "Protestant." The AA group would have to stick to its course or be hope-

12th Annual Old Timers Banquet

Honoring All AA
Old Timers

(25 yrs. Or More)

In the Greater Austin Area

Saturday May 3rd, 2014

Riverbend Church

Fellowship Hall

4214 Cap Texas Highway

Austin, TX 78746

5:30 PM

Doors Open

6:15 PM

Buffet Dinner

8:00 PM

*Speaker: Jim W.
from San Antonio*

Admission -

\$20 per person

In advance.

Tickets available at the
HCIA office.

\$25 per person

At the door.

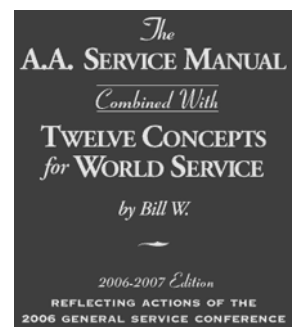


DAC donations

Anonymous	70
Desire To Stop	50
Four Points	84
Keep 1st Things 1st	117
Bridge to Shore	150
Georgetown	83
Total	556

Concept Four

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.





Tradition Three—continued from page one

“Don’t
take
yourself
too damn
seriously.”

lessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong.

Thus it was that under Tradition Four an AA group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it

had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself. . .and that is the very acme of humility.

Grapevine

Tradition

Four

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

March Volunteers

Thank You!

Office

Billy C. Mary L.
John B. Jeanne R.
Marty C. Marilyn C.
Kathleen Claire C.
Frank D. Gail
Murdo Dawnette
Pat F. Marc A.
Dan H.

Hotline

Stephen N.
Tom K.
Mary Jo
Leslie Ann D.
Roland P.
Mark K.
Jerry T.
Marty C.
Randy R.

Westwood Wellness
Georgetown Group
Keep 1st things 1st
Wimberley Group
South Austin Big Book
Rule 62

March Donations from Groups

Thank You!

Wednesday Rush Hour	200	Buda Big Book	30
Georgetown	83	The River Group	25
North Austin 24	50	New Beginnings	270
1313	757	Saturday AM Serenity	112
1825	1500	Lampasas	57
Reading Rainbow	17	Wimberley	10
Bridge to Shore	371	Lost Pines	15
Jonestown	600	We Agnostics	120
Keep 1st Things 1st	274	Center for Students in Rec	58
Lakeview	259		
Georgetown	83		

Total \$4812

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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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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 1339 Lamar Sq. Dr. #204 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.

Intergroup Needs Volunteers-Now!

We have fallen short
of our goal to have
the office staffed on
a regular basis by
friendly volunteers.
Imagine what it
would be like to
come to the office
and no one was at
the front desk! You
are needed.
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 conversa-
tion,
Coffee,
Come by and sign
up!

