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A.A. REGENERATION

from Daily Reflections

“Such is the paradox of A.A. regeneration: strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one’s old life as a condition for finding a new one.”

A.A. COMES OF AGE, p46

A thousand beatings by John Barleycorn did not encourage me to admit defeat. I believed it was my moral obligation to conquer my “enemy-friend.” At my first A.A. meeting I was blessed with a feeling that it was all right to admit defeat to a disease which had nothing to do with my “moral fiber.” I knew instinctively that I was in the presence of a great love when I entered the doors of A.A. With no effort on my part, I became aware that to love myself was good and right, as God had intended. My feelings set me free, where my thoughts had held me in bondage. I am grateful.

Highlights From AA World Services

“The A.A. World Services Board met on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the General Service Office in New York, NY. Chair of the A.A.W.S. Board, Billy N. opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

“General Manager Phyllis H., reported that the response of the Fellowship to the opening of registration for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta was tremendous. When registration opened at 9:00 a.m. EST on September 3, 2014 the system was overwhelmed. However, by late afternoon the website was functioning smoothly and over 10,000 folks registered before midnight!

“Phyllis also reported that, following the General Service Board’s recommendation, we are moving forward with Phase One of the two year project to co-locate the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine offices on the 11th Floor of 475 Riverside Drive.

“In response to a suggestion from the Conference Committee, a new Forum Flyer is being designed and expected to be in use for the 2015 Forums. “Packets containing completed 2014 Membership Surveys are arriving each day from area delegates. Responses will be tallied and reports will be provided to the trustees’ Public Information committee at its November 2014 meeting.

“For the first seven months of the year, through July 2014, total gross sales were \$9,320,076 -- \$356,335 (2.4%) over estimate for the year to date. For the sales month of July, we saw \$1,172,740 in actual gross sales vs. the \$1,092,300 estimate -- \$80,440 over budget (7.4%) for the month.”

Step 12:

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail. Remember they are very ill.

Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends - this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.

-A.A. Big Book p.89

PLEASE NOTE

***If your group/club is hosting an event next month please let us know. It's a great way to let the Hill Country AAs know about it!**

***Please also let us know if you would like to be on the newsletter mailing list
email us at: mailaustinaa@gmail.com**

COMING TO OUR TOWN In 2015

TXSCYPAA 35

pre-registration: <http://www.txscypaahost.org/>



Recovery Word Search

C O N S C I O U S C O N T A C T G K
W P P T Y D Y H V R R D I X U U N P
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T G J W S Y N X K C A I I A I J W A
B C O N Z D F Q E O D F V D A J A A
R L V T S E D P E Y Y F S O L R I J

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INVENTORY / PREAMBLE /
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WE ARE NOT SAINTS

Sober Travel

- **SOBER SISTERS WEEKEND TO BAHAMAS CRUISE**
Presented by *Gratitude Cruises* January 23-26, 2015
Three night Bahamas Cruise on a Royal Caribbean vessel. Starts in Port Canaveral, Fl. and travels to Nassau, Bahama and Coco Cay, Bahamas. Returns to Port Canaveral, Fl. On the 26th

For more information:
<http://www.sobercelebrations.com/>

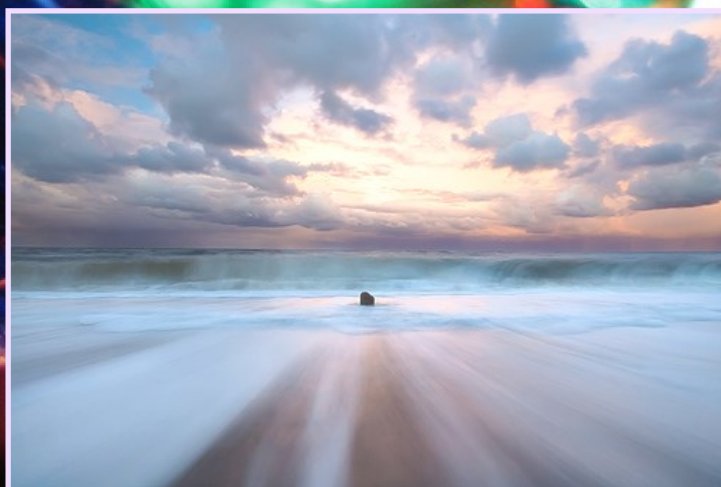
- **SOBER ADVENTURE TO INDIA: March 7-19, 2015**
Land trip, fine hotels and elephant safari.
561-702-2312

For information: <http://www.sobercelebrations.com/>

- **SOBER MEDITERRANEAN & GREEK ISLES CRUISE:**
Vision of the Seas by Royal Caribbean
Presented by *Gratitude Cruises* June 9 - 21, 2015
8 Ports in Spain, France, Italy, Greece & Turkey
Daily 12 step meetings

561-702-2312

For information: <http://www.sobercelebrations.com/>



Sudoku 4 u

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12th Promise

"We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves."

If you persist, remarkable things will happen. When we look back, we realize that the things which came to us when we put ourselves in God's hands were better than anything we could have planned. Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in a new and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances!

Alcoholics Anonymous p. 100



2015 A.A. International Convention

"80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free."

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
July 2-5, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia

*Registration opened on September 3, 2014. Go to www.aa.org to register online. Registration brochures that include the registration form have also been mailed to G.S.R.s, Central Offices/Intergroups and International G.S.O.s/Central Offices/Intergroups.

*Preregistration is available until May 12, 2015, and the preregistration fee is \$100.

*After May 12, the on-site registration fee is \$110.

*Payments from travel agencies to register groups or individuals will not be accepted.

*The Convention app will be available for download in May 2015.

*To make the process as fair as possible, all housing requests will be processed through the official Housing Bureau.

LOCAL Announcements:

Hill toppers MOVED:

Beginning October 3rd, 2014.

To:

Highland Park Baptist Church
(at the upper rear entrance)
5206 Balcones dr., 78731

Midnight Meetings

Candlelight Crossover Meeting
Fridays and Saturdays
11:59pm @

We are Not Saints
900 Old Koenig Lane #131

Brothers of the 4th dimension

Announces a new Men's meeting

**Closed Discussion meeting focused on
The Solution found in alcoholics anonymous**

Located @

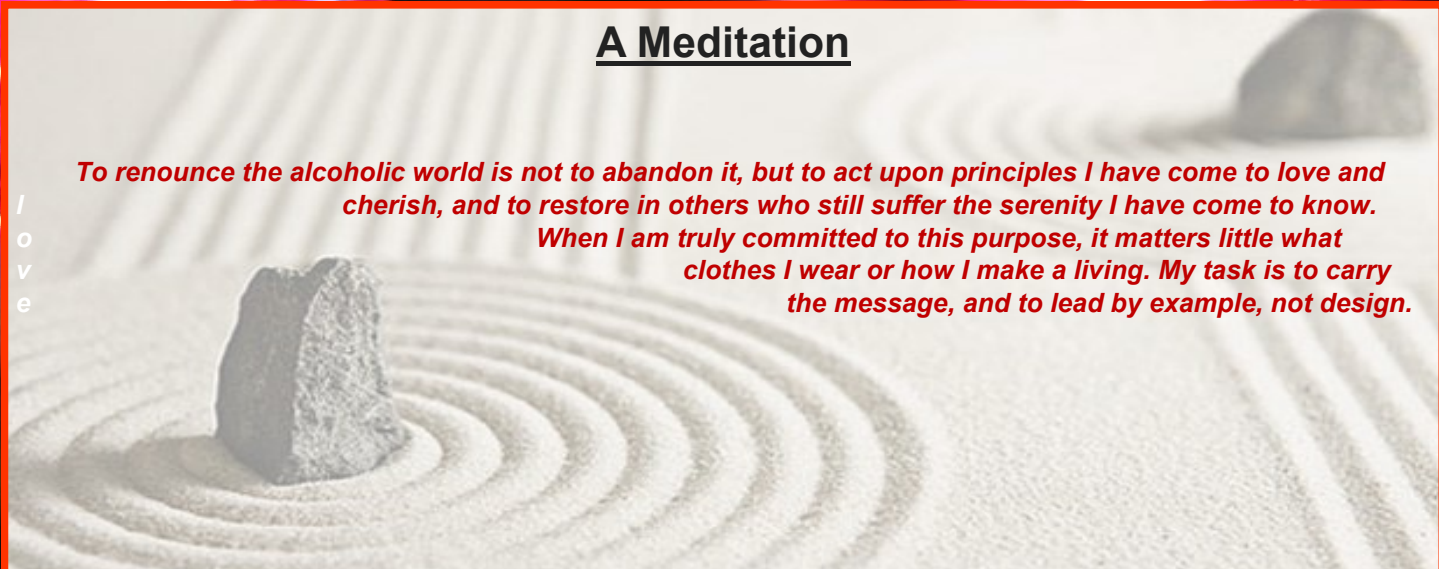
North Central Austin
(Koenig/2222 + Burnet)
5704 Adams ave
Austin, Tx 78756
8:00 PM - CD BB M

—Yellow House on Adams ave. in the Tin Roof—

A Meditation

*To renounce the alcoholic world is not to abandon it, but to act upon principles I have come to love and cherish, and to restore in others who still suffer the serenity I have come to know.
When I am truly committed to this purpose, it matters little what clothes I wear or how I make a living. My task is to carry the message, and to lead by example, not design.*

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The Twelfth Tradition

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

These experiences have taught us that anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public.

The HCIA Intergroup Reps recently elected four new Intergroup Trustees and four Alternates. Congratulations to those elected:

Trustees:

Caroline P
Carroll P
Michael O'R
Stacey V L

Alternates:

Herb E
David S
Edward W
Don M



Straight Pepper Diet

Monday Nights @ 8:00 PM
Targeted towards Young People
5704 Adams Ave.

Austin TX • 78756



Yellow House

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.

Prayer of the month:

A 12th Step Prayer:

Dear God, Having had a spiritual experience, I must now remember that "faith without works is dead." And

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. So, God, please help me to carry this message to other alcoholics! Provide me with the guidance and wisdom to talk with another alcoholic because I can help when no one else can. Help me secure his confidence and remember he is ill. (89:1)

This month in AA History: December

In December of 1934, Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time
Also, this month in AA history:

- 1934 - Ebby visits Bill at Towns hospital, brings William James' book, Varieties of Religious Experience.
- 1934 - Bill & Lois started attending Oxford Group meetings.
- 1937 - Rockland State Mental Hospital takes patients to meeting in New Jersey.
- 1938 - Twelve Steps written.
- 1939 - First AA group in mental institution, Rockland State Hospital, NY.
- 1939 - Los Angeles holds their first AA meeting.
- 1941 - Dallas Morning News reports first AA group formed in Dallas.
- 1975 - Birds of a Feather AA group for pilots is formed.

