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# The Scoop

## A.A. Tradition How it Developed by Bill W. FORWARD-1955

How shall we A.A.'s best preserve our unity? That is the subject of this booklet.

When an alcoholic applies the Twelve Steps of our recovery program to his personal life, his *disintegration* stops and his *unification* begins. The Power which now holds him together in one piece overcomes those forces which had rent him apart.

Exactly the same principle applies to each A.A. group and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us if they could, all will be well. We shall be secure as a movement our essential unity will remain a certainty,

If, us A.A. members, we can each refuse public prestige and renounce any desire for personal power, if, as a movement, we insist on remaining poor, so avoiding disputes about extensive property and its management if we steadfastly decline all political, sectarian, or other alliances, we shall avoid internal division and public notoriety if, as a movement, we remain a spiritual

entity concerned only with carrying our message to fellow sufferers without charge or obligation; then only can we most effectively complete our mission. It is becoming ever so clear that we ought never accept even the most alluring temporary benefits if these should consist of considerable sums of money, or could involve us in controversial alliances and endorsements, or might tempt some of us to accept, as A.A. members, personal publicity by press or radio. Unity is so vital to us A.A.'s that we cannot risk those attitudes and practices which have sometimes demoralized other forms of human society. Thus far we have succeeded because we have been different. May we continue to be so!

## Calendar of Events

*Central Office Intergroup Meeting*-1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm  
*Roundup Meeting*-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month @4:30, Friends of Bill

*H&I Meeting*- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill  
*District 7 Meeting*- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month @ 6:30, Grange Hall Fourth of July Potluck, July 4<sup>th</sup> @730 pm, 41843 50<sup>th</sup> West, Quartz Hill; Grange

## **Access to A.A.**

### **Members share on overcoming barriers**

In Alcoholics

Anonymous our desire to stop drinking is our common bond. Since its beginning in 1935, A.A.'s goal has been to reach every alcoholic who needs and wants help.

Many A.A. groups meet in facilities or space that is wheelchair accessible; some groups have an American Sign Language(ASL) interpreter (usually a hired professional who is multilingual and knowledgeable about both Deaf and hearing cultures, occasionally a group member who has been professionally trained in ASL.)

Also, there is a wide variety of material and literature (see p.31), including the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, A.A.'s basic text, in braille, ASL, close captions, videos and more. Some local meeting lists are coded for wheelchair accessible and ASL, interpreted meetings, and there is an Accessibilities Checklist available from A.A.'s General Service Office to help groups assess their own level of accessibility.

## **Step 8**

***“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”***

Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

This is a very large order. It is a task which we may perform with increasing skill, but never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every A.A. has found that he can make a little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old, some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the

great advantages of doing this will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

## **The 8<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

*“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”*

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words “Freely ye have received, freely give.” We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer,

it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.

***As Bill Sees It (page 102):***

When we consult an A.A. friend, we should not be reluctant to remind him of our need for full privacy. Intimate communication is normally so free and easy among us that an A.A. adviser may sometimes forget when we expect him to remain silent. The

protective sanctity of this most healing of human relations ought never be violated.

Such privileged communications have priceless advantages. We find in them the perfect opportunity to be as honest as we know how to be, We do not have to think of the possibility of damage to other people, nor need we fear ridicule or condemnation. Here, too, we have the best possible chance of spotting self-deception.

-GrapeVine, August 1961

## **Eighth Concept:**

The trustees of the General Service Board act in their two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring good conduct of all world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight instead of executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The in's and out's of day to day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad brush strokes strategically guide the enteritis they oversee.

*Editor's Note: Email me your experience, strength and hope in how you enjoy sobriety and profound spirituality of living one day at a time- under 500 words. Thank you!!*

### ***Word Game***

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

MORE, HARMED, WILLING, SUBJECTED, FELLOWS  
 AGREED, EFFORT, DIFFIDENT, FIRST, PREJUDICE  
 MESSAGE, SERVICE

# August 2025 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun	Jul	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$28,114.75	\$8,086.37	\$36,201.12
Expenses	(\$35,282.10)	(\$5,801.19)	(\$41,083.29)
Cost of Goods	(\$17,007.60)	(\$3,978.01)	(\$20,985.61)
Contributions	\$22,730.10	\$3,993.85	\$26,723.95
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$1,444.85)</b>	<b>\$2,301.02</b>	<b>\$856.17</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Jun	Jul	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$201.00	\$100.00	\$301.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$3,308.59	\$1,448.73	\$4,757.32
Anonymous	\$2,798.22	\$137.85	\$2,936.07
Any Lengths Group	\$73.10		\$73.10
AV Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$757.45		\$757.45
AV Roundup	\$1,310.94		\$1,310.94
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$61.00	\$26.00	\$87.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$812.00	\$702.00	\$1,514.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$146.13		\$146.13
Faithful Fiver	\$1,481.00	\$312.00	\$1,793.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,386.00		\$3,386.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$100.00		\$100.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$602.00	\$20.00	\$622.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00	\$220.82	\$220.82
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,470.02		\$1,470.02
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$100.00		\$100.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$120.00		\$120.00
Pearlblossom 24 Hr/Daily Reflection	\$217.77		\$217.77
PM Mod	\$167.97	\$176.80	\$344.77
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,338.00	\$210.00	\$1,548.00
Rainbow Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Love & Tolerance	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$499.00	\$140.00	\$639.00
Thursday Night Step Study	\$235.50	\$261.55	\$497.05
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$459.25		\$459.25
Westside Grp	\$40.00		\$40.00
Women in Recovery	\$30.00		\$30.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$299.00		\$299.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,666.16</b>	<b>\$238.10</b>	<b>\$2,904.26</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$22,730.10</b>	<b>\$3,993.85</b>	<b>\$26,723.95</b>

Sarah C.	8/13/2022	3	Kristy T.	8/19/2006	19
Lori M.	8/19/2021	4	Kurt L.	8/3/2006	19
Christopher J.	8/22/2020	5	Lisa M.	8/29/2006	19
Dawn S.	8/31/2019	6	Mardv G.	8/17/2006	19
Dee F.	6/8/2017	8	Michaela O.	8/18/2006	19
AnnaMarie M	8/4/2017	8	Bob S.	8/16/2005	20
Cathy B.	8/7/2017	8	Charise P.	8/25/2005	20
Anita N.	8/31/2016	9	Bill S.	8/2/2004	21
Elton M.	8/28/2016	9	Ron H.	8/12/2003	22
Valerie D.	8/1/2016	9	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	22
Morgan	8/7/2016	9	Chris N.	8/30/2002	23
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	9	Chris S.	8/17/2002	23
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	9	Myrtle O.	8/29/2002	23
Julie	8/9/2015	10	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	24
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	10	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	24
Erick V.	8/28/2015	10	Susie B.	8/31/2001	24
Chris K.	8/17/2012	13	Boyce H.	8/19/2000	25
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	13	Joe P.	8/13/2000	25
Paul E.	8/1/2012	13	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	25
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	13	Robert G.	8/25/2000	25
Richard K.	8/23/2012	13	Julio C.	8/28/1999	26
Robert R.	8/17/2012	13	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	26
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	13	Joe L.	8/10/1997	28
Amy D.	8/8/2011	14	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	29
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	14	Mary M.	8/11/1996	29
Joe S.	8/8/2011	14	Robert R.	8/12/1996	29
Laura	8/30/2011	14	Emma W.	8/20/1994	31
Molly M.	8/9/2011	14	Lamont W.	8/1/1994	31
Terry R.	8/5/2011	14	Richard B.	8/2/1993	32
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	15	Steve K.	8/20/1993	32
Christine L.	8/29/2010	15	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	33
Janet D.	8/10/2010	15	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	34
Liz C.	8/17/2010	15	Julie P.	8/31/1991	34
Michele S.	8/22/2010	15	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	34
Tom M.	8/23/2010	15	Linda S.	8/16/1990	35
Alex W.	8/28/2009	16	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	36
Jan P.	8/22/2009	16	Ken K.	8/13/1988	37
Janis G.	8/23/2009	16	Sonny C.	8/10/1988	37
Jason S.	8/22/2009	16	Lem J.	8/3/1987	38
Jim W.	8/8/2009	16	Ona J.	8/29/1987	38
Judith C.	8/17/2009	16	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	38
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	16	Tom M.	8/7/1985	40
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	16	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	41
Rick B.	8/15/2009	16	Bill L.	8/24/1983	42
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	17	Clark S.	8/11/1983	42
Debra B.	8/7/2008	17	Doug M.	8/10/1982	43
Diane E.	8/15/2008	17	Steve N.	8/9/1981	44
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	17	Jim P.	8/25/1980	45
James S.	8/28/2008	17	John F.	8/19/1980	45
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	17	John H.	8/19/1980	45
Larry L.	8/13/2008	17	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	45
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	17	Mike S.	8/5/1980	45
Debra A.	8/31/2007	17	Robert D.	8/17/1980	45
Havdan M.	8/8/2007	18	Roberta G.	8/10/1979	46
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	18	Clara W.	8/1/1976	49
Robert M.	8/15/2007	18	Pat. L.	8/12/1976	49
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	18	Jay P.	8/5/1974	51
Shara B.	8/1/2007	18	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	56
Dano	8/16/2006	19			
<b>Total Years =</b>		<b>2,620</b>			

## Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! If you don't see your birthday on our monthly list please have your group pass a roster around and forward it to the office so we can get it straightened out. Our information is only as good as what is provided!

**Thank you for all who are joining the growing Faithful Fivers Club and being part of the SOLUTION!**

## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Carolyn B.
- 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Vacant
- 4th ~ Heather C. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Heather C. & Vacant

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!**

*Jeffrey Harlow*

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

