

Early Summer

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Districts 11 & 12

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Step Six: We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition Six: An AA Group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.



Ice Cream Social

6:00 Tues, July 19th @ Grace of Life Church, Pelham and Ecorse Rd

Speaker: A.J. Meade @ 7:00.

Mustard Seed

FAMILY **PICNIC**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST
9:00AM – 5:00PM**

WOODHAVEN PARK-HALL RD, 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF WEST RD

50/50 DRAWINGS, Games for Kids, Horseshoes

AA & Alanon speakers, Boys and Girls bikes to be raffled off. Please bring a dish to pass!

BREAKFAST: 9-10:30AM

ALANON SPKR: 11:00AM

LUNCH: 12 NOON

AA SPEAKER: 1:30PM

GAMES, PRIZES, FUN!!!

50/50 DRAWINGS

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY

ACCEPTED.....SEE BJ OR

MAIL TO DISTRICT 11/12

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FAMILY **PICNIC**



Sunday, June 26th

9:00am – 5:00pm

Elizabeth Park – Area "B"

Taylor Heritage Hospital Group needs your support!!!

8:30pm, Sunday & Wednesday

Air conditioned. Please use the door to the right of the emergency entrance. (Many Thanks to Bob G).



Read the sober Times online: www.aa-semi.org . Click Districts | District 11-12 | sobertimes. I am looking for quotes, stories, (maybe a personal recovery story), you might have for the following editions of the S.T. They need to be turned in before the second Monday of the month, (July 11th), to: sobertimes1112@gmail.com. Yours in service, Joe B.

AA Sponsorship Pamphlet (1944)

by Clarence Snyder (con't).

This is the first pamphlet ever written concerning sponsorship. It was written by Clarence H. Snyder in early 1944. **"AA Sponsorship . . . Its Opportunities and Its Responsibilities."**

INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN AA

3. In many instances the prospect will have tried various means of controlling his drinking, including hobbies, church, changes of residence, change of associations, and various control plans. These will, of course, have been unsuccessful. **Point out your series of unsuccessful efforts to control drinking...their absolute fruitless results and yet that you were able to stop drinking through application of AA principles.** This will encourage the prospect to look forward with confidence to sobriety in AA in spite of the many past failures he might have had with other plans.

TALK ABOUT "PLUS" VALUES

4. Tell the prospect frankly that he can not quickly understand all the benefits that are coming to him through AA. Tell him of the happiness, peace of mind, health, and in many cases, material benefits which are possible through understanding and application of the AA way of life.

SHOW IMPORTANCE OF READING THE BIG BOOK

5. Explain the necessity of reading and re-reading the AA Big Book. Point out that this book gives a detailed description of the AA tools and the suggested methods of application of these tools to build a foundation of rehabilitation for living. This is a good time to emphasize the importance of the twelve steps.

QUALITIES REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS IN AA

6. Convey to the prospect that the objectives of AA are to provide the ways and means for an alcoholic to regain his normal place in life. Desire, patience, faith, study and application are most important in determining each individual's plan of action in gaining full benefits of AA

INTRODUCE FAITH

7. Since the belief of a Power greater than oneself is the heart of the AA plan, and since this idea is very often difficult for a new man, the sponsor should attempt to introduce the beginnings of an understanding of this all-important feature.

Frequently this can be done by the sponsor relating his own difficulty in grasping a spiritual understanding and the methods he used to overcome his difficulties.

LISTEN TO HIS STORY

8. **While talking to the newcomer, take time to listen and study his reactions in order that you can present your information in a more effective manner.** Let him talk too. Remember...Easy Does It.

TAKE TO SEVERAL MEETINGS

9. To give the new member a broad and complete picture of AA, the sponsor should take him to various meetings within convenient distance of his home. Attending several meetings gives a new man a chance to select a group in which he will be most happy and comfortable, and it is extremely important to let the prospect make his own decision as to which group he will join. Impress upon him that he is always welcome at any meeting and can change his home group if he so wishes.

EXPLAIN AA TO PROSPECT'S FAMILY

10. A successful sponsor takes pains and makes any required effort to **make certain that those people closest and with the greatest interest in their prospect (mother, father, wife, etc.) are fully informed of A.A., its principles and its objectives.** The sponsor sees that these people are invited to meetings, and keeps them in touch with the current situation regarding the prospect at all times.
(Concluded in the next issue of the Sober Times).