

Late Spring

The Sober Times

Districts 11 & 12

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Step Five: Admitted to God, to ourselves and another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Off The Hip' group needs our support
26300 Goddard Rd, Taylor...7pm Wed.

If your group is wheelchair accessible, please get that info to AJ for the next directory printing. 734.341.3927

NEW Open meeting of Garage Group – last Saturday of the month.

Next Area 33 meeting – May 15th –
NEW LOCATION – Madison Place 876
Horace Brown Dr., Madison Heights,
MI 48071 (I-75 & 13 Mile Road) 11 am
new GSR Orientation, Meeting 12:00p

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

ALKATHON: STAN W. (313) 587.7320

ARCHIVES: OPEN – WE NEED A VOLUNTEER!

DIRECTORIES: A.J. M. (734) 341.3927

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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

District 11 & 12

FAMILY

PICNIC



Sunday, June 26th

9:00am – 5:00pm

Elizabeth Park – Area "B"

Addiction is like the maze in a carnival fun house - no matter which way we turn; we seem to run into blank walls. We used to run from our problems. We didn't take the time to reason things through and look for solutions. We escaped and hoped our problems would take care of themselves. They didn't. What can we do when we are lost in the maze of our own pain? Ask for help. If the first person we ask doesn't hear us, we need to keep asking. We then need to take the next step, which is to accept the help we're given. Holding the hand of another human being is the way out of our maze.
Today let me not be too proud to reach out when I'm hurting.



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, (June 13th), 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."**

Sometimes the answers to these questions cannot be made until the prospect has had some AA instruction, and an opportunity to think. Often we are given names, which upon investigation, show the prospect is in no sense an alcoholic, or is satisfied with his present plan of living. We should not hesitate to drop these names from our lists. Be sure, however, to let the man know where he can reach us at a later date.

WHO SHOULD BECOME MEMBERS?

AA is a fellowship of men and women bound together by their inability to use alcohol in any form sensibly, or with profit or pleasure. Obviously, any new members introduced should be the same kind of people, suffering from the same disease.

Most people can drink reasonably, but we are only interested in those who cannot. Party drinkers, social drinkers, celebrators, and others who continue to have more pleasure than pain from their drinking, are of no interest to us.

In some instances an individual might believe himself to be a social drinker when he definitely is an alcoholic. In many such cases more time must pass before that person is ready to accept our program. Rushing such a man before he is ready might ruin his chances of ever becoming a successful AA. Do not ever deny future help by pushing too hard in the beginning.

Some people, although definitely alcoholic, have no desire or ambition to better their way of living, and until they do..... AA has nothing to offer them.

Experience has shown that age, intelligence, education, background, or the amount of liquor drunk, has little, if any, bearing on whether or not the person is an alcoholic.

PRESENTING THE PLAN

In many cases a man's physical condition is such that he should be placed in a hospital, if at all possible. Many AA members believe hospitalization, with ample time for the prospect to think and plan his future, free from domestic and business worries, offers distinct advantage. In many cases the hospitalization period marks the beginning of a new life. Other members are equally confident that any man who desires to learn the AA plan for living can do it in his own home or while engaged in normal occupation. Thousands of cases are treated in each manner and have proved satisfactory.

SUGGESTED STEPS

The following paragraphs outline a suggested procedure for presenting the AA plan to the prospect, at home or in the hospital.

QUALIFY AS AN ALCOHOLIC

1. In calling upon a new prospect, it has been found best to qualify oneself as an ordinary person who has found happiness, contentment, and peace of mind through AA. Immediately make it clear to the prospect that you are a person engaged in the routine business of earning a living. Tell him your only reason for believing yourself able to help him is because you yourself are an alcoholic and have had experiences and problems that might be similar to his.

TELL YOUR STORY

2. Many members have found it desirable to launch immediately into their personal drinking story, as a means of getting the confidence and whole-hearted co-operation of the prospect.

It is important in telling the story of your drinking life to tell it in a manner that will describe an alcoholic, rather than a series of humorous drunken parties. This will enable the man to get a clear picture of an alcoholic which should help him to more definitely decide whether he is an alcoholic.

(Continued in the next issue of Sober Times).