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“Starducks, the official beverage of Area 1-You’re not powerless over Starducks!” “District 8 brought to you by WaffleHut– It’s a great place to meet your sponsor.” Or how about, “Hazleben, a GSO approved treatment center.” Or, “The Simplicity Itself retro

beginner’s guide to the twelve steps-guaranteed 75% effective by the Grapevine.”

What’s the matter with these hypothetical scenarios? Certainly no one could object to breakfast , coffee, and working the steps. And, isn’t that the way we do things these days? Think of how much the revenue from these “sponsorships” could help fix up clubhouses and buy literature and services for members that could not afford them.

The problems have to do with money, property, and prestige. Imagine the business meeting where you have to decide who gets the WaffleHut vouchers; or what happens to the \$500 cappuccino maker when a group splits up; or who decides who the truly needy members are who get the free literature and services. The message of recovery and hope would soon be buried beneath an avalanche of branding and logos.

For me the most compelling reason to avoid going down this path was given by the “tough customer” described in Tradition 5 who said, “My sponsor sold me on one idea, and that was sobriety.” If when I arrived in the rooms of A.A. ya’ll had been selling any-thing else, my paranoid, cynical self would have turned away. I am grateful all you were selling was freedom from alcohol!

Tradition 6

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

Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?

The POST is published to improve communication between local A.A. groups and encourage the participation of A.A. members in services and activities that promote sobriety. Opinions expressed in letters and articles are those of the authors and do not indicate endorsement by Montgomery Area Intergroup Central Office or Alcoholics Anonymous.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Anniversary
June 5
5:30-7:00pm



2010 International Convention Central Office/Intergroup Luncheon
July 2, 2010
San Antonio, TX
RSVP to 210-821-6325
\$30

At Your Service

INTERGROUP- 3rd Saturday

9AM Jackson Hospital Cafeteria

CORRECTIONS- June 12th 10AM

Legacies Group—Inventory questions from Area will be reviewed

PI/CPC- 1st Saturday

10:30 Happy Hour Group

OLD TIMER'S PICNIC-

June 16 6 pm Legacies Group

Grupo Empezar A Vivir

Spanish Speaking Group

Mon.- Sat. 7:30-9:00 pm

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Links to Sobriety

AA Websites-

www.aa.org

www.aagrapevine.org

Local Service and Meeting Schedules-

www.centralalaa.org

www.aaarea1.org

Special Events & Activities

www.tampabayfallroundup.com

www.foundersdayflorida.org



24th Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup
Sept. 3-6
Tampa, FL

Road Trips To Happy Destiny

Baton Rouge Big Book Study
July 30- Aug. 1
Baton Rouge, LA

Founder's Day Florida Style
June 4—June 6
Tallahassee, Florida



Montgomery Area Intergroup Minutes – May 15, 2010

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer.

Groups Represented: Triangle, Camellia City, Clanton, Fellowship, Chapter 9 & 12 Steps

Groups Not Present: A Vision For You, Sole Purpose, Southside, Strange Camels, Fountain City, Chisholm, Millbrook Serenity, Autauga S.O.S., Selma, Selma Men's, Love Works, Union Springs, Free World, Wetumpka, Slapout, 5th Tradition, Maplesville, Tallassee Ray of Hope, Empesar A Vivir, Prattville Downtown, Legacies, Chapter 9, Happy Hour, Tradition III & Living Sober.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 17th meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for April & May were accepted as written.

P.O.S.T. Report: The editor of the P.O.S.T. welcomes any contributions (group announcements, articles, birthdays, etc.). These contributions for the P.O.S.T. should be sent in before the end of the month to the editor at theposteditor@knology.net. You may request the P.O.S.T. via email at postmail@knology.net. You may also sign up to receive the P.O.S.T. by visiting the District 8 website at www.centralalaa.org & selecting the newsletter option on the web page. If you receive the P.O.S.T. and have a change of address please notify the Central office by phone or email at mgmicco@netscape.net.

Central Office: For the second month in a row there have been less than the seven required groups present for a quorum so that business could be discussed. Group representatives that were present discussed either lower the number of groups required to be present to carry on business or allowing just the group representatives present to conduct business. Also discussed the possibility of changing the office hours of the Central Office. There is still a need for volunteers to work at the Central Office & to help with the 24/7 phone line. The office hours are 10 am to 2 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Interested parties should contact the Central Office. You can view and print a current meeting schedule by visiting the District 8 website at www.centralalaa.org. The Central Office will be open immediately after the monthly Intergroup meeting if needed.

Old Business: No Business Conducted. Quorum of groups not represented.

New Business: No Business Conducted. Quorum of groups not represented.

Group Reports: The Fellowship Group will begin its anniversary celebration on June 5th, 2010 at 4 pm. There will also be a 24/7 Volunteer Phone line Sharing Session to be held at the Happy Hour Group on Sunday, June 13th, 2010 beginning at 1:30 pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Signed: Keith H. /Secretary

STEP 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

How does you HP eliminate your stinkin' thinkin'?

Vacancy

The POST Editor service position is currently available.

Interested individuals should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or other publishing software. He/she should also be a participating member of AA who has worked the Steps. For more info contact Intergroup/Central Office or email inquiries to :theposteditor@knology.net.



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“But if you really and truly want to quit drinking liquor for good and all, and sincerely feel that you must have some help, we know that we have an answer for you. It never fails, if you go about it with one half the zeal you have been in the habit of showing when you were getting another drink.

Your Heavenly Father will never let you down!”



Happy Birthday!!!

Chilsholm

Margaret 2 yrs.
 Sandra S. 3 yrs.
 Felicia G. 3 yrs.
 Steve S. 4 yrs.
 Rose S. 17 yrs.
 Scott D. 17 yrs.
 Jean J. 18 yrs.



Prattville Downtown

Paul D. 16 yrs.
 John B. 1 yr.
 Jarrett L. 18 yrs.
 Mike B. 10 yrs.
 Eleanor S. 31 yrs.
 Andrea B. 1 yr.
 Ray G. 9 yrs.
 Donna W. 1 yr.
 Tracy C. 1 yr.
 Ronnie B. 1 yr.
 Gene S. 10 yrs.
 Tammy G. 1 yr.
 Mike F. 12 yrs.
 Cheree B. 3 yrs.
 Daryl A. 4 yrs.
 David G. 8 yrs.
 Sunny 4 yrs.



Happy Hour

Delene W. 6 yrs.
 Justin E. 3 yrs.
 Kacie S. 8 yrs.
 Tray G. 3 yrs.
 Tom W. 3 yrs.

Chapter Nine

Leon W. 3 yrs.
Triangle
 Karl W. 18 yrs.
 Bill R. 21 yrs.
 Pete T. 24 yrs.

Fellowship

Jan H. 26 yrs.
 Cindy O. 4 yrs.
 Ray M. 3 yrs.
 Tim D. 7 yrs.
 Sam T. 6 yrs.
 Cliff L. 28 yrs.



Wetumpka

Alinda K. 23 yrs.
 Hoy P. 25 yrs.
 Michael G. 10 yrs.
 Wayne C. 25 yrs.

Forget a birthday? No worries! Send it in next month or the month after that. Deadline for birthdays, announcements and articles is the 29th of each month.

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Concept 6

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?



I recently received an email from an AA member informing me that another beloved member of AA in the Montgomery area had died. During my time as editor of the POST Don T., Easy, and Jim S. have all passed away. I am sometimes asked why I have not included tributes/obituaries of these individuals in the POST. My answer is that I do not feel comfortable deciding which AA members are “significant enough” to merit a tribute. I get notices of AA members who have died almost every month. Each one of these individuals carried the message and helped others to stay sober. It is also important to remember that this publication is accessible to the general public and it is not appropriate for me to include many of the worthy details of individual members lives.

It is important that we remember the people here in Montgomery who made it possible for us to hear the message of recovery. As part of the November issue I will compile a list of first names, last initials and home groups of members of the Montgomery area who are deceased. Let me know if this is an appropriate method of showing our gratitude and respect. Please submit first names, last initials and home group to theposteditor@knology.net by Oct. 29, 2010.

Alcoholics Anonymous?

It would seem that a member with a year or more of sobriety would have an understanding and respect for the Traditions, their home group, and the anonymity of their fellow members. When someone brings their non-alcoholic spouse to a closed meeting to see them get a medallion, the concept of anonymity and the 3rd Tradition are being disregarded by that member and the group which allows a publically announced closed meeting to instantly change to an open meeting. This completely removes the choice to attend an open meeting by the members present at the closed meeting. If the group has decided through it's group conscience not to open a closed meeting at or during the meeting, it is disrespecting the voice of it's members who wish to remain anonymous and the concept of anonymity. Using the part of the 3rd tradition, “a desire to not drink,” to justify the visitor's presence is trampling the tradition, as the visitor and everyone know the person probably doesn't “think they have a problem with alcohol” or a desire for membership in AA. I know people-pleasing is a common trait amongst us; however, a closed meeting is a closed meeting until the meeting is over, not just until chip time. (*AA Nazi.*) At open meetings, we can pick up medallions and bring the whole family; and alcoholics know in advance they are attending an open meeting; then everyone will be happy. (*People pleasing accomplished*).

One of the meeting topics at the International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be “Anonymity in Social Networking.” Please think about that concept when you choose to publically post on Facebook, or email to ungrouped addresses or not use blind copy for recipients when emailing. These are public domains and the concept of anonymity should be respected. It is my understanding that when placing our phone number and email address on an AA list it will be used for AA purposes only, not to circulate non-AA material or information. Actually, if we only sent AA related information to AA members only, it would not be so anonymity sensitive since it would be inside the fellowship. But there's always the possibility that someone will forward anything to anyone without regard to anything or anyone.

As our world moves forward and our fellowship grows, let's keep each other informed of the Traditions and Concepts, as well as the Steps, which have brought millions of alcoholics to live free from the pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization of which we came to become useful members of society.

Debra W.