



From the Editor

-I attended my first AA meeting in 1989. In 1991, two years sober, and still restless, irritable, discontented, and dry as a bone, old time AAs directed my focus to AA's Basic Text titled "Alcoholics Anonymous." Also called the Big Book, its "clear-cut directions" led towards my recovery from substantial "underlying mental, emotional and spiritual causes" of addictions and mental disorders.

Using the Steps with the guidance of my sponsor, my mental and emotional state began to settle down. I no longer felt the need to drink.

- In love and service,
Maude D.

Heard it in 'the Rooms'

If you take the alcohol away from the alcoholic, all that's left is the ic!

THE DEFINITION OF AN AA SPONSOR

The Big Book's description of a good sponsor is found on page 18. This material is a good place to start. Nothing has been added or deleted since 1939. (BB p18)

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Acronym: **SPONSOR** stands for Sober Person Offering Newcomers Suggestions on Recovery (**AA**).

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History of AA Sponsorship

The Book "Living Sober" describes how the sponsorship program in AA came about. In the early days of AA, there were no sponsors. A few hospitals in Akron, Ohio, and New York started to accept alcoholics as sick inpatients only if another recovering alcoholic would sponsor them. The term "sponsor" became an accepted part of the AA program, and in 1944 the first AA Sponsorship Pamphlet was produced defining a sponsor's duties.

Success of AA Sponsors

- o The original AA sponsors would visit the sick alcoholic in the hospital, were present when the alcoholic was discharged, and would escort the recovering alcoholic to AA meetings. The sponsor introduced the new AA member at the meeting and was there for the member to answer questions and be supportive during the recovery process. The sponsorship program worked so well that it became a regular part of the AA 12-step recovery process.



AA Sponsorship Pamphlet

- The original AA Sponsorship Pamphlet was written in 1944 by Clarence S. The original title was, "AA Sponsorship...Its Obligations and Its Responsibilities," but when reprinted by the Cleveland Central Committee, the title was changed to, "AA Sponsorship...Its Opportunities and Its Responsibilities." In defining the personal gains of an AA sponsor, the pamphlet states that anyone who has not experienced the joys and satisfaction of helping others does not completely realize the

benefits of the AA fellowship. Being a sponsor should only be for the rewards of helping a fellow AA member get back on the path toward being a happy, healthy, useful and sober member of society.

SPONSOR

It was evident that a solitary self-appraisal, and the admission of our defects based upon that alone, wouldn't be nearly enough. We'd have to have outside help if we were surely to know and admit the truth about ourselves - the help of God and of another human being. Only by discussing ourselves, holding back nothing, only by being willing to take advice and accept direction could we set foot on the road to straight thinking, solid honesty, and genuine humility.

If we are fooling ourselves, a competent adviser can see this

quickly. And, as he skillfully guides us away from our fantasies, we are surprised to find that we have few of the usual urges to defend ourselves against unpleasant truths. In no other way can fear, pride, and ignorance be so readily melted. After a time, we realize that we are standing firm on a brand-new foundation for integrity, and we gratefully credit our sponsors, whose advice pointed the way.

A DECLARATION OF UNITY

THIS WE OWE TO A.A.'S FUTURE; TO PLACE OUR COMMON WELFARE FIRST; TO KEEP OUR FELLOWSHIP UNITED, FOR ON A.A. UNITY DEPEND OUR LIVES, AND THE LIVES OF THOSE TO COME.

"Don't drink and do the next thing right."



Upcoming Events

A.A.W.S. Meeting

September-7, 2012

Area 62 SC General Service Assembly

October 6-7, 2012

22nd World Service Meeting

October 21-15, 2012

Southeastern Regional Forum -

November 9-11, 2012

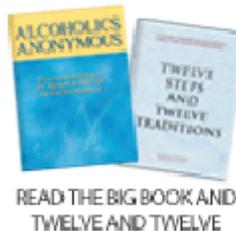
66th SC State Convention and 69th SE Regional Conference -

August 8-11, 2013
Columbia, SC

Details available Area 62
Website: area62.org



T.C.I.O. meetings are held every 3rd Sunday at 4:00 pm at 4800 Park Circle Drive, North Charleston. Everyone is welcome to attend.



We are not a glum lot..



I know that when one door closes another always opens...but man, these hallways are a bitch!



As it says in the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous... "Outsiders are sometimes shocked when we burst into merriment over a seemingly tragic experience out of the past. But why shouldn't we laugh? We have recovered, and have been given the power to help others."

The Turtle

Carrying the Message



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TREATMENT COMMITMENTS			
FACILITY/ADDRESS	DAY/TIME	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
DORCHESTER IOP	TO BE DETERMINED	CROWFIELD	PRE-NOONERS
VEE VILLA	SUNDAY 7:30PM	GOOSE CREEK	ACCEPTANCE
CHARLESTON VET	MONDAY 8:00PM	GOOSE CREEK	GOOSE CREEK
CHARLESTON CENTER	SATURDAY 7:00PM	NORTH AREA GRP	ROLLT
CHARLESTON CENTER	TUESDAY 7:00PM	DAILY RESPIREVE	NORTH AREA GRP
CHARLESTON CENTER	FRIDAY 7:30PM	GRACE	SERENITY
MUSC	THURSDAY 7:30PM	ST PAUL	ST. JOSEPH
MUSC	FRIDAY 7:30PM	SERENITY	SOB
MUSC	SATURDAY 7:30PM	TRIDENT	NORTH AREA GRP
MUSC	SUNDAY 7:30PM	ACCEPTANCE	AS BILL SEES IT
PALMITTO CENTER	SUNDAY 8:00PM	SURVIVORS	SURVIVORS
PALMITTO CENTER	MONDAY 8:00PM	NORTH AREA GROUDAILY RESPIREVE	
PALMITTO CENTER	TUESDAY 8:00PM	HIGH NOON	ST PAUL'S
PALMITTO CENTER	FRIDAY 8:00PM	SOB	CROWFIELD
MAGDALENE HOUSE	WEDNESDAY 7:00PM	ST JOSEPH	PRE-NOONERS
CRISIS MINISTRIES	WEDNESDAY 8:00PM	HERITAGE	SEABREEZE
CALL ME IF YOU CANT MIT TO YOUR MEETING		OR IF YOU HAVE AN QUESTIONS	