

NEWSLETTER FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

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A Brief History About Black and African Americans in Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP SIX

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

"A few of them may be, but with most of them we shall have to be content with patient improvement. The keywords "entirely ready" underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg.65

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With the following:

**MEMBERS SOBRIETY DATE
FIRST NAME & LAST INITIAL**

JULY DEADLINE is

June 26, 2023

From the time Alcoholics Anonymous was born, AA has taken great care to emphasize that no alcoholic can be excluded from AA. Our Third Tradition states clearly: "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." You are a member if you say you are. As early as 1940, when AA was just five years old, Bill W., our co-founder, "invited two black alcoholics to attend meetings in the New York area. After hearing him speak at an institution, they asked him whether, on their release, they might join AA. Bill said yes, and a few weeks later, they appeared at a local meeting. By the mid-1940s, a number of black alcoholics had found sobriety in the program. Jim S., a physician, was called the originator of AA's first black group." [Note: "Jim's Story" appears in Alcoholics Anonymous, Personal Stories, Ch.6, pg.232.] Since that time, in spite of the difficulties and obstacles sometimes faced by many people of color in the wider society, thousands of black alcoholics have found a welcome and recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous, and so can you

Tradition Six

"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."

These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg.157

Juneteenth, an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s.

On June 19, 1866, formerly enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, celebrated a year of emancipation, or freedom, with the "Juneteenth" holiday. Juneteenth celebrations quickly spread to the rest of the country, and the date continues to be the oldest known tradition honoring the end of slavery in the United States.



President Biden signed legislation in 2021 making Juneteenth, a federal holiday, after interest in the day was renewed during the summer of 2020 and the nationwide protests that followed the police killings of Black Americans including George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

CONCEPT SIX

"On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our World Services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."



Of course our objective is always a spiritual one, but this service aim can only be achieved by means of an effective business operation. Our Trustees must function almost exactly like the directors of any large business corporation. They must have ample authority to really manage and conduct AA's business.

THE AA SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE, 2021-2023 Ed., C-20

Mid-So. California Area 09, D-19/GSR COMMITTEE GSR REPORTS MAY 2023

D-19/GSR Committee meets on the 4th Sunday each month at 12:30 pm in the HUG located at 15885 Main St, Suite.310, Hesperia, Ca.(cnr. 8th & Main)

ZOOM ID: 82791277692 PASSCODE: 768560

Bob O: Ft. Irwin~Soldiers for Sobriety Big Book Study (Tuesday 6pm), Grapevine/Daily Reflections (Thursday 6pm) Relocation in August is being considered. Pending a decision, required paperwork will be completed and submitted. Average attendance is at 7. The group contributes \$30 quarterly to: AAWS, D-19/GSR & IGC. All service positions filled through Feb. 2024.

Bob O: Barstow Desert Group ~Big Book Study (Saturday 9:30am), Happy Hour (Monday 5pm) **Book Study Group**~The group is also faced with the possibility of having to move from it's current location in August. When new location is established, paperwork will be completed and submitted. All positions filled through Jan.2024. **Happy Hour Group**~The group provides \$25 to \$30 a quarter to AAWS, D19 and IGC. The current location is possibly closing in August of this year. When new location is established a group change form will be submitted. All positions filled through March 2024.

Jerry M: Victorville Tumbleweed Group The Hall conducts 28 meetings a week, generally at 6:30am, 12noon, 5:30pm & 7:30pm. IGC's last Meeting Directory inadvertently eliminated several longstanding meetings. Central Office has been notified. Attendance at the Business meetings are low.

Marty H: Alano Club Campfire Meeting (Sunday 7pm) All is well in the group. All positions are filled.

Liz Y: TGIF (Friday 8pm) Regular attendance is around 15+ members. Sobriety countdowns are done at each meeting. Last meeting on the 26th of May 2023 we counted a total of 165 combined years of sobriety in the room. H & I position vacant.

Tom W: Wrightwood Men's Stag (Wednesday 7pm) In the spirit of rotation, all positions are filled. The Men's Retreat at "Teresita Pines" is going to be held on September 15, 16, & 17 this year.

Nick K : H.U.G. The Group conducts approximately 28 meetings a week, generally at 7am, 10am, 5:30pm & 7pm. Things are going well at the H.U.G.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT D-19/GSR COMMITTEE MEETING

ON JULY 23, 2023

AT THE HUG

TIME:12:30 PM.

SPECIAL GUEST: MSCA 09 DELEGATE, MITCHELL B,

WILL "SHARE BACK" ON HIS EXPERIENCES

AT THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2023 TO INCLUDE:

INFORMATION ON

THE 4TH ED. "PLAIN LANGUAGE" VERSION OF THE BIG BOOK

VICTOR VALLEY INTERGROUP MAY 2023 MEETING, DARK

NO MINUTES TO REPORT IGC FINANCIAL STATEMENT (LAST PAGE)

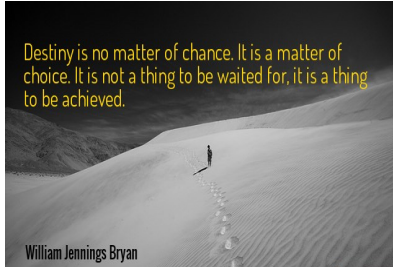
**A "shortcoming"
is like a flat tire.
A "character
defect" is like
driving on it.**

SUNSHINE OF THE SPIRIT

37th ANNUAL HIGH DESERT CONVENTION

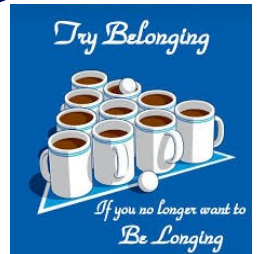
JUNE 16, 17, & 18, 2023

“COURTYARD by MARRIOTT HOTEL” 9619 MARIPOSA RD./OFF MAIN ~HESPERIA, CA.92345



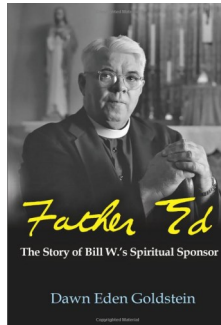
**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY
FELLAS**

“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.” —Unknown



FATHER ED DOWLING, SPIRITUAL SPONSOR TO BILL W.

Father Edward Dowling's, guidance transformed Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson's life and deepened the spirituality of the twelve-step movement. Bill Wilson's legacy is one of the greatest of any person of modern times. Time magazine placed him at No. 20 on its list of the most important people of the 20th century. But whenever Wilson himself had the opportunity to name the greatest human being he had ever met, he had but one answer: Father Edward Dowling. Jesuit Father Ed Dowling (1898-1960) rescued Bill Wilson



from debilitating depression and gave him the spiritual guidance he needed to bring AA to international prominence. Although not an alcoholic himself, he came to devote his ministry to helping people in recovery—not only alcoholics but also people in troubled marriages (as a co-founder of the Cana Conference) and those suffering from nervous disorders (as an early champion of Recovery, Inc., now known as Recovery International). He was also a champion of civil rights and other social-justice issues, and his pastoral interests presaged the priorities of the Church under Pope Francis.



2023 Pride Month June 1st to June 30th

Our “Primary Purpose” in AA is to help ANY & ALL seeking recovery from alcohol abuse. AAs in recovery are sensitive to the LGBTQ+ community and can empathize. Being sensitive to the issues surrounding sexual and gender identity, homophobia, and heterosexism can help LGBTQ's feel comfortable and safe in the rooms while they start their journey of recovery. Rates of substance use and abuse vary from population to population. The numerous reasons include biological, genetic, psychological, familial, religious, cultural, and historical circumstances. The LGBT population, like the general population have numerous factors predisposing them. The additional stigma of being a member of a marginalized community such as the LGBTQ community cause some to manage the additional stressors by using mind-altering substances.

In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association, after exten-

sive scientific review and debate, stopped classifying homosexuality as a mental illness. Homosexuality is now seen as a normal variation of human sexual and emotional expression, allowing, it is hoped, a nonpathological and nonprejudicial view of homosexuality as well as of LGBT people. LGBT people and homosexual and bisexual behavior are found in almost all societies and cultures in the world and throughout history (Herdt, 1996). But the degree of tolerance and acceptance of them has varied considerably in different periods of history and from country to country, culture to culture, and community to community.

**AA PRIDE MEETINGS WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS
6:30PM~SERENITY HALL 18888 HWY 18,STE.208 AV, CA.**



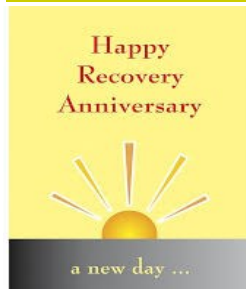
TRUST IN THE AA PROCESS

I know that, not all of us can envision what the result will be. For if they did, they would cut right to the chase and never look back. In the beginning, we usually spend most of our time coming to terms with the most obvious symptom of alcoholism; the drink and I were no exception.

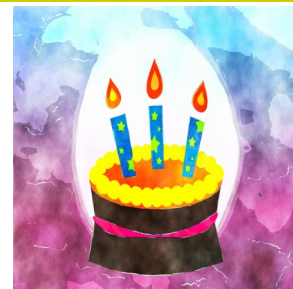
Unfortunately, many of us never get deeper into the program, where most of the healing takes place. For those of us that do come to realize that happiness, and more importantly, peace of mind, are the things that are lacking in our lives and to acquire them, we may need to get serious and dig deeper into the process that led to these qualities.

This does not mean that we will not experience joy and peace until we complete the process. Not at all, for every time we uncover another piece of the puzzle that barred us from being at peace with ourselves, it allows us to free up that part of our mind that has been wrestling with that issue and we can finally put it to rest.

The day-to-day improvement in our own self esteem will be reward enough to inspire (inspirit) us to address the next issue that needs our attention, and one by one we resolve these matters as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.



AA SOBERVERSARIES JUNE 2023 HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE, Take Another Year SOBER!



<i>Kathy G</i>	<i>June 2, 1982</i>	<i>Church of Nazarene AV</i>
<i>Carlos S</i>	<i>June 5, 2022</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Theresa C</i>	<i>June 7, 2010</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Sheldon S</i>	<i>June 10, 2005</i>	
<i>Nikki D</i>	<i>June 16, 2018</i>	<i>Church of Nazarene AV</i>
<i>Andrew A</i>	<i>June 17, 2005</i>	
<i>Alicia N</i>	<i>June 20, 2021</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Marco D</i>	<i>June 24, 2012</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Haleigh N</i>	<i>June 24, 2019</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Oren N</i>	<i>June 24, 2019</i>	<i>Tumbleweed</i>
<i>Gail</i>	<i>June 30, 1983</i>	<i>Church of Nazarene AV</i>
<i>Mary M</i>	<i>June 30, 2013</i>	<i>Church of Nazarene AV</i>