



# ONE DAY AT A TIMES

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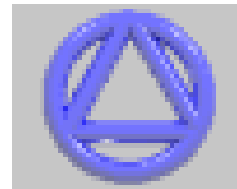
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*I AM RESPONSIBLE. When  
anyone, anywhere, reaches out  
for help, I want the hand of  
AA always to be there. And for*

*that:*

***I AM RESPONSIBLE.***



## 6th Concept

FROM THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD  
SERVICE

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

## 6<sup>TH</sup> Step

FROM PAGE 59, 4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS ©

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

## 6th Tradition

(PAGE 552, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS@)

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any outside  
enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our  
**PRIMARY PURPOSE**

**Question: What is the purpose of AA?**

- 1) Enable me to go to bars and have fun
- 2) Enable me to find a power greater than myself that will solve my problem
- 3) Give me fellowship I desire
- 4) Give me sobriety and the desire to help others

**Answers:**

- 1) No. While some members of AA like to lure newcomers to bars to ‘learn how to reintegrate into life sober, this is not AA’s purpose. Actually, you are only fooling yourself because inside you’d give anything to drink a half dozen drinks and get away with it (BB pg 151- 152) Why not take newcomers to parks, restaurants and beach...learn how to have fun sober in a safe environment! Want music? Turn on a cd player...
- 2) This is the purpose of the Big Book (pg 45) The 12 steps are 1/3 of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Next come the Traditions (participating in a home group- the first tier in AA: the structure of AA starts at the group, not individual members so you can’t be ‘a part of’ until you are active in a home group). After that come the 12 concepts and working for AA as a whole.
- 3) What most people call fellowship is actually socializing, which is where many twist off answer 1. True fellowship is working together for a common good- participating in the altruistic (selfless) aspect of our membership. (BB pg 152)
- 4) Yes. Primary purpose: stay sober and help others.  
I was fortunate to get introduced to all 36 principles of AA (Steps, Traditions, Concepts) in my first year in. My sponsor took me to my first Area Assembly at 6 months sober and I missed a group business meeting where they elected me GSR since I was willing to go to Area...so I started attending district meetings. Amazing what working the whole program of AA can do, I’ve been sober 25 years!

John O., May 2011

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**RULE 62 DEPARTMENT**

A Highway Patrolman waited outside a popular bar, hoping for a bust.

At closing time everyone come out and he spotted his potential quarry. The man was so obviously inebriated that he could barely walk. He stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, looking for his car.

After trying his keys on five other cars, he finally found his own vehicle. He sat in the car a good ten minutes, as the other patrons left. He turned his lights on, then off, wipers on, then off. He started to pull forward into the grass, then stopped.

Finally, when he was the last car, he pulled out onto the road and started to drive away.

The patrolman, waiting for this, turned on his lights and pulled the man over. He administered the breathalyzer test, and to his great surprise, the man blew a 0.00.

The patrolman was dumbfounded. "This equipment must be broken!" he exclaimed.

"I doubt it," said the man, "Tonight I am the designated decoy!"

## AA DISTRICT 14 INTERGROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Next Intergroup Committee Meeting will be Monday, 20 June 2011 at Central Office.

-The Sunday, 5 June 2011 Intergroup sponsored monthly breakfast hosted by The Friday Night Ladies Group, Breakfast (optional, \$6.50) and Fellowship at 9:30, Speaker at 11:00 – Cathy M. AMVETS Post 78 in Val’P.

-Men’s Group Annual Fish Fry Saturday, 11 June Clement-Taylor Park, Calhoun Drive at the foot of the Destin Bridge.

-Next Alkathon, Saturday, 25 June, hosted by the Miracle Group. Eating and Fellowship starts at 5:30PM, Speakers at 7:00PM. First Presbyterian Church, 134 SW Beal Pkwy, FWB. Alanon Speaker, Kathy W of Panama City, AA Speaker, Chris C. of Pensacola.

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### ***District 14 Intergroup Treasury – May 2011 Summary Data***

Prudent reserve as of 03/31/11 - \$ 9,347.15

#### **2011 Year to Date Report**

2011 Total Income	\$ 5,744.93
2011 To Date Expenditures	\$ 8,303.37
2011 To Date Net Income	\$ -2,528.34

#### **April 19, 2011 Closing Balance \$ 4,612.96**

Total Income	\$ 889.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,763.87
Net Cash Flow	\$ -874.87

#### **May 18 , 2008 Ending Balance \$ 3,738.09**

Highlights from report prepared 5/16/11 by Mary Ann R, Treasurer

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#### **BOOK FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**04/19/11-05/23/11**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>STARTING BALANCE</b>	\$ 3,579.93	04/19/2011
<b>TOTAL INCOME THIS PERIOD</b>	\$ 1,471.77	
<b>BALANCE + INCOME</b>	\$ 5,051.70	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES THIS PERIOD</b>	\$ 3,014.33	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$ 2,037.33	05/23/2011

From report prepared by Bob L., Bookfund Chair

# BIRTHDAYS!



**One day at a time....  
One step at a time....  
One minute at a time.**

## **WEEKENDER'S GROUP**

**Linda A. 6/16/87 – 24 Yrs.  
Marina W. 6/11/10 - 1 Yr.  
Andrew M. 6/2/10 – 1 Yr.**

## **MIRACLE GROUP**

**Law F. 6/2/08 – 3 Yrs.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE GROUP**

**Clark M. 6/16/05 – 6 Yrs.**



## **HONESTY GROUP**

**Don F. 5/4/81 - 30 Yrs.  
Marney D. 6/22/85 - 26 Yrs.**

## **STRAIGHT UP GROUP**

**Alyso. 6/10/05 – 6 Yrs.  
Johnnie C. 6/17/07 - 4 Yrs.  
Kathleen M. 6/2/09 – 3 Yrs.  
Jennifer M. 6/11/09 2 Yrs.**

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