

Let Go, And Let God

As children bring their broken toys with tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God, because He was my friend.
But then, instead of leaving Him, in peace, to work alone;
I hung around and tried to help, with ways that were my own.
At last, I snatched them back and cried, "How can you be so slow?"
"My child," He said, "What could I do?"
"You never did let go."

RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand
of A.A. always to be there.**

And for that I am responsible.

-Pledge of the 30th Anniversary International Convention.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

9th Concept

FROM THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by trustees.

9th Step

(page 83, 12 & 12)

"Made direct aments to such people
wherever possible, except when to do
so would injure them or others"

9th Tradition

(page 172, 12 & 12)

"Alcoholics Anonymous, as such,
ought never be organized; but we may
create service boards or committees
directly responsible to those they serve."

2011 Summer Serenity at the Beach, 25 - 28 August 2011...What a great conference!

Beautiful setting at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort for Speaker Meetings; Workshops; Tennis & Golf; and early morning meetings on the Beach. The speakers were Billy N., Spring Lake Heights, NJ; Juanita U., Santa Fe, NM; Tom U., Santa Fe, NM; Cissy C. Bessemer, AL; Sharon M. Clermont, FL; Myers R. Dallas, TX; and Kent C. Sandusky, OH. They shared their experience, strength and hope with an audience of about 500. The attendees mainly came from the Southeast (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS) and District 14, but there were others from further away (Ireland, Australia). They came for sobriety today and tomorrow, but the incredible door prizes and drawings were well received!

Summer Serenity at the Beach came about as a result of two people (Dale and Kelly W.) dreaming of a conference held here at a time of year away from major summer crowds but still warm. They got others together with the goal of reaching as many recovering alcoholics as possible. The focus of the conference is on AA 12 step recovery process for all (young to seniors and family members). Today the same goal holds true for Summer Serenity @ The Beach. We celebrate our sobriety together while trying to carry the message of AA to those who are still suffering. The speakers and workshops vary each year.

The first conference was held in 2003 and this was the Ninth annual. The on-going success is due to hard work of many people! We thank the district District 14 recovery community.

We are looking forward to next year's Summer Serenity at the Beach starting 23 August 2012! if you want to get involved, submit inquiries @ summerserenityatthebeach.com. For event CDs, please contact Terry's Audio Services (Terry.Rogers@Lusfiber.net, 301 Brentwood Blvd., Lafayette, Louisiana 70503)

District 14 Old timers

Burle S.' sobriety date is September 21, 1966. He was living in Long Beach, California when he had his last drink and now has lived in our area for many years. Burle's home group is the Crestview Monday Night Big Book Study Group (OD, NS). The group celebrates birthdays on the last Monday of each month.

Burle has a sponsor and sponsors others. He was asked what how someone can find get the right sponsor. His answer: " Just find somebody that has something (like a life!) that you would like to also have."

Burle was asked about any typical patterns he has seen in the spiritual growth of alcoholics during his years of sobriety. He replied: "It seems that those who diligently try to apply the Twelve Steps to their life (by following suggestions and allowing others to guide them); get it a lot quicker than those that don't try to apply the steps.

Burle's Pearls include: "Meeting makers make it"; " The steps will work for anyone, they don't know who is working them, but you have to work them"; and "All things cometh to him who waiteth, if he who waiteth, worketh like hell while he waiteth!"

Happy Birthday to All!

FAITH GROUP

Tony S. 8/07/1983 – 28 Years

HAPPY HOUR GROUP

Chryl O. 9/18/85 26 Years

STRAIGHT UP GROUP

Chris D. 9/10/07 4 Years
Donna H. 9/29/10 1 Year
Linda K. 9/30/07 4 Years

SECOND CHANCE GROUP

William W. 9/27/10 1 Year
Jamey A. 9/4/07 4 Years
Scott M. 9/11/04 7 Years
Stevie B. 9/31/04 7 Years
Michael M. 9/10/04 7 Years
Tyler C. 9/09/10 1 Year
Milton B. 9/09/08 3 Years

MEN'S GROUP

Paul C. 9/19/2000 11 Years

CRESTVIEW BIG BOOK

Burle S. 9/21/1966 – 45 years

We would like to include all birthday announcements for our district in the odat. Please send birthday information to editorodat@hotmail.com no later than the 3rd Friday of the preceding month. Thank you.

District 14 Intergroup Treasury – July 18, 2011 – August 15, 2011

Prudent reserve as of 06/30/2011 \$9,352.98

2011 Year Report

Total Income \$ 9,355.54

Total Expenditures \$ 12,411.81

Net Cash Flow \$ -3,056.27

Current Month Beginning Balance \$3,947.30

Total Income \$ 647.40

Total Expenditures \$ 1,384.54

Net Cash Flow \$ -737.14

Ending Balance \$ 3,210.16

Highlights From Report Respectfully prepared 8/15/11 by Mary Ann R, Treasurer

BOOK FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY 07/18/11 -8/15/11

INCOME	Amount	Date
STARTING BALANCE	\$ 4,413.03	7/18/2011
TOTAL INCOME THIS PERIOD	\$ 816.70	
BALANCE + INCOME	\$ 5,229.73	

TOTAL EXPENSES THIS PERIOD	\$ 2,803.10	
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,426.63	8/15/2011

Highlights From Report Respectfully prepared by Bob L., Book Fund Treasurer

“we had to recognize the fact that A.A. had to function. Meeting places cost something. To save whole areas from turmoil, small offices had to be set up, telephones installed, and a few full-time secretaries hired. Over many protests, these things were accomplished. We saw that if they weren't, the man coming in the door couldn't get a break. These simple services would require small sums of money which we could and would pay ourselves. At last the pendulum stopped swinging and pointed straight at Tradition Seven as it reads today.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 161-162

AA DISTRICT 14 INTERGROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Breakfast Meeting Sunday Sept. 4, 2011 at AMVETS 910 Valastics Ave., Val'P. Hosted by Deck-Hands Group. Breakfast \$6.00 (optional). Starts at 9:30 AM Speaker Meeting 11 AM.
- Next Alkathon, Saturday, Sept. 24, 1st Presb. Church, 134 SW Beal Pkwy (5 PM – 9 PM hosted by GSR Committee.) Speaker at 8 PM (Bring covered dish). 60th Anniversary Celebration of District 14
- Next Intergroup Committee Meeting 6:30PM, Mon Sept 19th, at Central Office.
- Sunshine Convention fund raiser Dinner every second Saturday of the month From 5pm to 7pm at the Serenity Triangle House 704 E. Robinson Ave. Crestview
- Serenity Sisters celebrates 3 years as a group on November 1, 2011. Their birthday is July 15, 2008.
- Gulf Coast Roundup February 17-19, 2012 at Ramada Plaza Beach Resort on Miracle Strip Parkway, FWB. See fliers at Central Office.
- Grapevine Committee – Next Meeting will be Oct. 8 at 11:00 AM At Intergroup Central office.

ANNUAL PICNIC OCT 8TH AT 11:00 AM TIL 3:00 PM OR SO. LIZA JACKSON PARK FWB. LG PAVILIAN

Happy 60th Anniversary- District 14!

Dist 14 60th Anniversary to be celebrated 24 Sept at 1st Presbyterian Church, 2nd St and Beal, Ft Walton Beach
FI (where Alkathon is held) 5 pm: Fellowship and raffle, 6 pm Eating, 7pm Group intro, Past DCM.'s, Raffle 8 PM Oldtimer's from District 14 Speakers. (bring a covered dish),

2011 Calendar September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Corrections at Central 9:30 AM Powerless group Speaker Meeting 8 PM
4 AMVETS B'fast 9:30 AM, Speaker at 11 AM	5	6	7	8	9	10 Powerless group Speaker Meeting 8 PM
11	12 GSR meeting @ AMVETS 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17 Powerless group Speaker Meeting 8 PM
18	19 Central Office Intergroup meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22	23	24 Powerless group Speaker Meeting 8 PM District 14 60 anniversary Celebration 5:00 Pm Rise and Shine B'day 8 pm
25 Weekenders B'day meeting 7 PM	26 SUGS B'day meeting Noon	27 Dedication Group B'day meeting 6:30 PM	28 Care Group B'day meeting 8 PM	29 Happy Hour Group B'day 5:30 PM Mens Group B'day meeting 7 PM	30 Serenity Group B'day Meeting 8 PM	

Topics for Discussion meetings

With Big Book page references

- *Acceptance* 14, 30, 48, 96, 143, 416-420
- *Action* 17, 42, 61, 63, 72-73, 76, 80, 93, 94, 98, 140, 157
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