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Saturday December 23rd

Monday, December 25th

Tuesday, December 26th

Saturday, December 30th

Monday, January 1st

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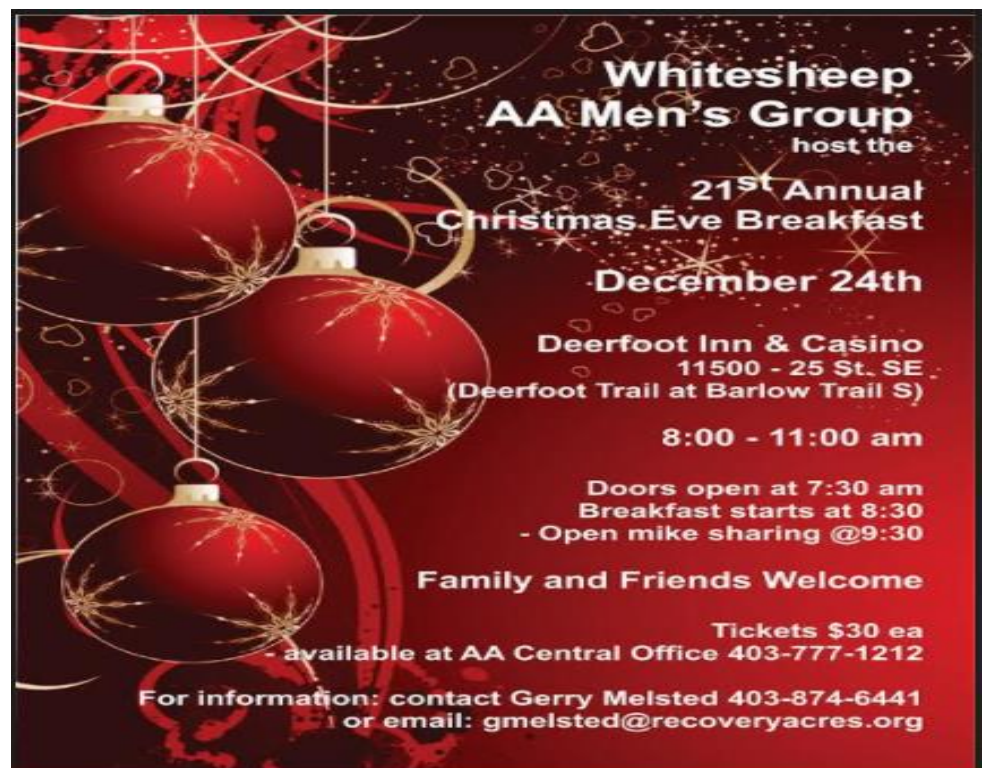
**Check out the AA bookstore at
Central Office for:**

AA & Grapevine books,
pamphlets, committee
information, CD's and DVD's,
chips/medallions, etc.




Intergroup Annual Christmas Potluck

December 16, 2017
12:00pm – 3:00pm
Scarboro United Church
206 15th Ave SW, Calgary AB
Santa will be there with gifts for the kids



**Whitesheep
AA Men's Group**
host the
**21st Annual
Christmas Eve Breakfast**
December 24th

Deerfoot Inn & Casino
11500 - 25 St. SE
(Deerfoot Trail at Barlow Trail S)

8:00 - 11:00 am

Doors open at 7:30 am
Breakfast starts at 8:30
- Open mike sharing @9:30

Family and Friends Welcome

Tickets \$30 ea
- available at AA Central Office 403-777-1212

For information: contact Gerry Melsted 403-874-6441
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Meeting Changes**NEW MEETINGS**

5th Tradition Group, Tuesdays, 8:00 pm, closed, Step/Tradition, Wild Rose United Church, 1317 – 1 St. NW, side door downstairs, wheelchair assessable (Jul/17)

Garnet Block, 1609 Centre St. NW, is adding a new meeting, Fridays at midnight, beginning Sept 29 (Sep/17)

Happy, Joyous & Free Group, Tuesdays 6:00 pm, open, Step/Tradition, Eastside Victory Outreach Centre, back door, 1840 – 38 St. SE, Calgary (Jul/17)

MEETING CHANGES:

Back to the Drawing Board, Sundays southeast has moved. New address: Eastside Victory Outreach Centre, back door, [1840 – 38 St. SE](#).

Everything else is the same – Sundays 7:30 pm, open. (Oct/17)

Beacon's Refugees, Saturdays northwest, have moved. New address: Highwood Lutheran Church, [419 Northmount Dr. NW](#), "Church Office" building & door (across from Colonel Irvine School). All else remains the same. (Nov/17)

Candlelight Group, Thursdays, southeast, will be moving to St. Luke's Anglican Church, [2951 – 26 Ave. SE](#). Last meeting at Southview Com. Centre Nov. 30. First meeting at new location is Dec 7th. All else the same. (Dec/17)

Glenmore Group in the southwest will be moving (AS OF SEPT 1st) from Hochwald Court to 2509 Dieppe Ave. SW, Building B-6, Room 103 downstairs.

All 24 meetings per week will be moving to the new location, everything else remains the same. (Sept/17)

Grupo Nuevo Horizonte (Spanish), northeast, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 7 PM & Saturdays at 5 PM has moved to Bay 6, 3850 – 19 St. NE, Calgary, AB (Jul/17)

Open Door Group, Tuesdays southeast, has moved to the Eastside Victory Outreach Centre, back door, [1840 – 38 St. SE](#), and changed their time from 8:30 to 7:30. (Sept/17)

MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

Glenmore Group, southwest, has cancelled their Friday midnight meeting (Sep/17)

Midnapore Group, southeast, is cancelling its Saturday and Sunday 8:00 pm meetings. The weekday meetings remain. (Jul/17)

ODAT Group, southeast, is cancelled as of October (Thanksgiving) 2017. Thank you all who have attended & supported the numerous Big Book Studies held by this group. (Oct/17)

Recovery Group, southwest, is cancelling its Friday 8:00 pm meeting, last meeting Aug 25 (Sept/17)

Women of Hope Treatment Facilities meeting at Alpha House, Mondays southeast, is being cancelled, last meeting Sept. 25 (Oct/17)

Woodcreek Group, Thursdays southwest, has been cancelled (Sep/17)

November 6th Daily Reflections - "GOING WITH THE FLOW"

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him . . .

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, P. 96

The first words I speak when arising in the morning are, "I arise, O God, to do Thy will." This is the shortest prayer I know and it is deeply ingrained in me. Prayer doesn't change God's attitude toward me; it changes my attitude toward God. As distinguished from Prayer, meditation is a quiet time, without words. To be centered is to be physically calm, mentally focused and spiritually aware.

One way to keep the channel open and to improve my conscious contact with God is to maintain a grateful attitude. On the days when I am grateful, good things seem to happen in my life. The instant I start cursing things in my life, however, the flow of good stops. God did not interrupt the flow; my own negativity did.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



All birthdays are entered as received. Birthdays are posted for the month past, and the current month of issue.

Deadline for submissions is the last Thursday of the month. Please submit to westwordeditor@gmail.com

October				November			
ABC Group		Glenmore Group		McKenzie Towne		Ogden Group	
Michael	1 year	Hilary S	3 years	Marilyn L	1 year	Michelle	3 years
Sherry B	2 years	Joanne	4 years	Howie S	1 year	Rob	7 years
Jennifer D	3 years	Aimee	8 years	Larry A	5 years	Don	8 years
Don M	9 years	Andre	10 years	J.P.	9 years	Kris M	9 years
Airdrie Back From Hell		Dylan S	10 years	Noelle R-F	11 years	Chuck	11 years
Chantal C	1 year	Mike V	10 years	Melody F	11 years	Glen F	11 years
Deppi A	1 year	Tamara K	10 years	Liz H	12 years	Recovery Group	
Shawn G	1 year	Jim H	20 years	George B	12 years	Kayla S	1 year
Mike L	3 years	Bob G	40 years	Mike R	12 years	Scamus G	1 year
Duane M	8 years	Haddon Road (Sept)		Steve G	15 years	Gabriel M	2 years
Rick D	8 years	Callista L	1 year	Midnapore Group		Penny B	2 years
Michelle F	10 years	Clayton M	2 years	James S	1 year	Lavonne D	25 years
Stacey P	30 years	Ezra M	3 years	Carrie P	3 years	Alex S	28 years
Awakenings Group		Thom C	5 years	Kyle A	3 years	South View By the Book	
Katrina W	19 years	David M	6 years	Mauri P	7 years	John	3 years
BYOC Langdon		Kevin L	6 years	Heather D	8 years	Steps Stories & Beyond	
Andy B	11 years	Bill O	10 years	Al H	10 years	Flo P	1 year
Edgemont Group		Bob P	12 years	Jason T	12 years	The Link Group	
Kael	1 year	Marty K	17 years	NADZIEJA		Maarten C	5 years
Melissa	1 year	Cheyne P	26 years	Janet K	2 years	Tuesday Morning Ladies	
Peter	3 years	Haddon Road (Oct)		New Beginnings		Anita E	33 years
Susan	6 years	Jordan F	1 year	Debbie S	1 year	Maureen D	35 years
Ben	7 years	Steve G	5 years	Jennifer P	1 year	Walking Eagle	
Bob C	12 years	Craig R	11 years	Stacey	2 years	Nancy M	2 years
Garnet Block		Mariam A	11 years	Jeff I	4 years	Rodger B	11 years
Ben F	1 year	Happy, Joyous & Free		Amanda R	4 years	Ken L	34 years
Stew	1 year	Trish L	7 years	Billy R	5 years	Wednesday Morning Eye Opener	
Jennie	1 year	Harvest Hills Big Book		Mel C	6 years	Lyndsay M	2 years
Ben B	4 years	Andrew K	2 years	Melody F	11 years	Whitesheep Group	
Mitch K	5 years	Martin L	5 years	Kev S	14 years	Wade C	4 years
Angie	15 years	Lavonne D	15 years	Lavonne D	15 years	Michael K	10 years
Jeremiah	17 years	Richard	25 years	Richard	25 years	Travis L	11 years
Bill W	30 years	NW Calgary Group		NW Calgary Group		Jason S	23 years
Bill W	32 years	Corey S	1 year	Corey S	1 year	Bryce O	25 years
Bob G	40 years	Pat H	7 years	Pat H	7 years	Ken T	26 years
Getting There		NW Step & Tradn		NW Step & Tradn		Midnapore Group	
Jeff L	17 years	Wes T	2 years	Wes T	2 years	Blake S	1 year
Glenmore Group		Chris D	7 years	Chris D	7 years	Brandon H	1 year
Jim W	1 year	Ron B	9 years	Ron B	9 years	Chris L	1 year
Cody	2 years	Marlborough Park		Marlborough Park		Jimmy T	1 year
		Glen F	35 years	Glen F	35 years	Joseph S	2 years
						Andrew M	3 years
						Garret G	4 years
						Trayce S	4 years

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LIST OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	More Info
November 3-5 (Friday – Sunday) Camp Horizon in Bragg Creek, AB	<u>Bragg Creek Big Book Study Weekend</u>	\$160 per guest for the weekend includes accommodation and meals. Registration deadline October 29. Inquire to fellowshipbraggcreek@gmail.com .
November 4 (Saturday) Holy Cross Parish Hall 2517 – 3 Ave., Fort Macleod, AB	<u>Fort Macleod Annual Rally</u>	Registration 11:15am - noon, \$15, goodies, trimmings, etc. gratefully accepted to keep costs down.
November 18 (Saturday) First Baptist Church, Fellowship Room 1311 – 4 St SW, Calgary, AB	<u>Annual Primary Purpose Group Roundup 2017</u>	10:00am – 10:00pm, tickets available at Central Office, Admission \$30, Admission and dinner \$75
November 25 (Saturday) St Peter's Church 1802 – 33 Ave SW, Calgary, AB	<u>Introduction to Service Seminar</u>	11:00am – 2:00pm, presented as a service trade show (so you can come and go), for more information, please contact Central Office at 403-777-1212
November 25 (Saturday) 2404 Kensington Road NW, Calgary, AB, (downstairs, Kensington Common Church, east entrance)	<u>SMOG's 30th Birthday Party</u>	11:00am – 3:00pm, Fellowship, Birthday Meeting, Potluck, Anniversary speakers, cake, live music, 7 th Tradition, For more info, call Kathi L at 403-625-0423 or Robin H at 403-802-1747.
December 9 (Saturday) Balzac Community Hall Balzac, AB	<u>Balzac Christmas Dinner/Dance</u>	Doors open @ 5pm, dinner @ 6pm, Tickets: \$20/person, children under 12 FREE with voucher. For more info, contact Central Office at 403-777-1212.
December 16 (Saturday) Scarboro United Church 206 - 15 Ave SW, Calgary, AB	<u>Intergroup Annual Christmas Potluck</u>	Noon – 3:00pm, potluck, 7 th Tradition, Santa will be there with gifts for the kids.
December 24 (Sunday) Deerfoot Inn & Casino 11500 – 25 St. SE, Calgary, AB	<u>Whitesheep AA Men's Group 21st Annual Christmas Eve Breakfast</u>	8:00am – 11:00am, Doors open at 7:30am, Breakfast starts at 8:30am, open mike sharing at 9:30am. Friends and family welcome, tickets \$30 available at Central Office. For more info, contact Gerry M at 403-874-6441 or email gmelsted@recoveryacres.org .
December 28 -31 (Thurs – Sun) Chateau Lacombe Hotel (downtown Edmonton),	<u>WACYPA21 – Sunlight at Last</u>	This youth conference has a weekend of recovery- related workshops, meetings, and bad-ass events for the purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic still suffering. For more info, check out the website: www.wacypaaxi.weebly.com .
December 31 (Sunday) Pembroke Community Hall 6100 – 8 Ave SE, Calgary, AB	<u>Steps Stories & Beyond New Years Dinner & Dance</u>	Based on 7 th Tradition. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Potluck desserts would be appreciated. Speaker at 8:30pm. Dance to follow. For more information, contact Central Office.
January 27, 2018 (Saturday) Edgemont Community Centre, 33 Edgevalley Circle NW, Calgary, AB	<u>6th Annual District 77 Round Up</u>	Registration at 9:00am, \$40 Registration with Lunch and Dinner, \$20 Registration with Lunch. Tickets from District 77 GSRs or Central Office.
Feb 15-18, 2018 (Thursday – Sunday) Phoenix, Arizona, USA	<u>54th International Women's Conference</u>	For more info, please go to www.internationalwomensconference.org .

Saint Francis of Assisi Prayer (a Step 11 prayer)

Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace
 – that where there is hatred, I may bring love
 – that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness
 – that where there is discord, I may bring harmony
 – that where there is error, I may bring truth
 – that where there is doubt, I may bring faith
 – that where there is despair, I may bring hope
 – that where there are shadows, I may bring light
 – that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in the giving that we receive;
it is in the pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Service Opportunities

Upcoming CGSC Service Commitments

Treatment Facility	AA Group - November	AA Group - December
Renfrew Tuesday	Midnapore	
(Renfrew Wednesday (Bridging the Gap)	Edgemont	
Renfrew Thursday	NW Calgary	
Renfrew Sunday	Thursday Night Ladies	
Sunrise	Ogden	
Alpha House	Unity	
Dream Centre	New Beginnings	

Upcoming Intergroup Service Commitments

Sunday Breakfast at Ramada **served till 9:30**	AA Group
November 5	Unity
November 12	ABC
November 19	Regal
November 26	Go For It
December 3	Rule 62
December 10	Shipwreck at Sunset
December 17	Primary Purpose Group
December 24	
December 31	
January 7	Garnet
January 14	Deer Ridge
January 21	West End Step & Tradition
January 28	Unity

Telephone Monitoring Dates	AA Group
Oct 30 - Nov 5	Harvest Hills Big Book
November 6 - 12	Sunday Morning 11 AM
November 13 - 19	Go For It
November 20 - 26	Rule 62
Nov 27 - Dec 3	McKenzie Towne
December 4 - 10	Unity
December 11 - 17	Ogden
December 18 - 24	Primary Purpose
December 25 - 31	

Calls for Service

We have 2 vacancies for COMC members (Central Office Management Committee) that should be filled by the end of the year. Business experience as well as firm understanding of the steps and traditions are considered an asset. Time requirement would be minimal (about 1 day a month), and suggested sobriety is a minimum 5 years. Please submit resumes to Central Office.

We need daytime phone monitors at Central Office. If you can help out with a regular morning or afternoon shift, please call Mathew at Central Office at 403-777-1212 or email CentralOffice@calgaryaa.org

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The October 2017 Issue of GRAPEVINE is Coming!

Each November, we feature stories of experience, strength and hope from our Grapevine Story Archives. If you haven't looked through our wonderful deep well of stories, which dates back to 1944 and holds many of Bill W.'s essays, please visit www.aagrapevine.org.

This month we highlight stories by women members from our new book "Voices of Women in AA".

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Some stories include:

[One woman's journey](#) She learned to get honest, take care of herself and to her surprise, have friendships with other women

[OK for this day](#) She got sober just in time to face a breakup and a new baby—and her sponsor's words held true

[Coming to believe](#) A New York woman recalls how a Higher Power helped her survive incredibly tough times

[Learning to fly](#) An alcoholic woman in California recalls the very early pioneer days of Alcoholics Anonymous

Big Book Studies

"Mondays At Sheldon Chumir Centre"

There is a weekly Big Book study currently running at Sheldon Chumir Centre, 1213 - 4 Street SW on Monday nights 7:00pm – 9:00pm on the 3rd floor in room 3122.

"Recovery Group Women's BB Study"

There is a new weekly women's Big Book study on Sundays at the Recover Group, Room 104, 4820 McLeod Trail SW, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Please bring a Big Book, Pen, Highlighter, & notebook or writing pad. Big Books can also be purchased at the meeting.

"Big Book Comes Alive"

There is a weekly Big Book study running at New Brighton Community Centre, 2 New Brighton Drive SE, Calgary. Meeting runs on Sundays from 6:00pm – 7:15pm.

"The Cowboy Ray Way At Haddon Road"

There is a weekly Big Book study at Haddon Road on Sundays from 2:00pm–4:00pm. Please bring a Big Book, a highlighter and an open mind. Big books can be purchased at the meeting or from Central Office. Note that current study should end around Dec 17, and start up in January the weekend after New Year's. For any questions, please contact Steve at 403-889-5240.

"Joe and Charlie BB Study At Haddon Road"

There is a weekly Big Book study at Haddon Road on Tuesdays at 7:30pm beginning September 12, running for about 12 weeks. This will use the regular Tuesday 7:30pm step meeting time slot. For any questions, please contact Chris at 403-860-5313 (leave text or message during day).

Saturday Morning Open Group

... is turning the Big 3-0!

Saturday, November 25

Come one, come all for

Fellowship ~ Members' Birthday Meeting ~ Potluck ~
Anniversary Speakers (featuring SMOG's Founder) ~
Cake ~ Live Music by three accomplished SMOG musicians ~
Raffle and more.

11am – 3pm

2404 Kensington Road, downstairs.
(Kensington Commons Church, East Entrance)



7th Tradition

Get involved. Get more information.

Call Kathi L. at 403-625-0423 or Robin H. at 403.802.1747

SAT. NOV 25, 2017 CGSC INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE

Are you interested in getting involved?

Unsure of where to start?

Calgary General Service Committee and Intergroup are excited to present a service trade show.

Calgary General Service, Intergroup sub-committees and many members will be available to answer all your questions.

CGSC

- Corrections
- Treatment
- Bridging the Gap
- Records and Registration
- Gratitude Round Up
- Cooperation with the Professional Community
- Grapevine

Intergroup

- Public Information
- Banff Round Up
- Special Events
- Phone Monitoring
- Sunday Morning Breakfast Meeting
- Archives
- 12 Step list
- The Westword

11:00AM TO
2:00PM

HOLY MARTYR
PETER THE ALEUT
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(FORMERLY ST. MARKS
AND ST. PHILIPS ANGLICAN
CHURCH)

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CALGARY, AB
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YOU PLEASE

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THE 7TH TRADITION

CGSC INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE

For any questions please
contact:

cgscintro@gmail.com

or 587-891-2407

District 86 15th Annual

Christmas Dinner and Dance

Balzac Community Hall
Saturday, December 09, 2017

Doors open at 5:00pm

Dinner is served at 6:00pm
Tickets are \$20.00

Children under 12 are Free with Voucher

(It is important that we have an exact count
of Children attending so as not to exceed
the allowed capacity of the hall)

Join the
Fun Activities

Including
Santa and
Kids Corner

DJ and Dance to follow

Highway 2

to Balzac and exit West Cross tracks. Turn left into parking lot

and Cross tracks. Turn left into parking lot and Hall. Call Tammy at 403-629-5862

Len at 403-561-2254

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Step 11 & Tradition 11

Step 11 - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter on Step 11.

PRAYER and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.'s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don't believe in these things at all.

To certain newcomers and to those one-time agnostics who still cling to the A.A. group as their higher power, claims for the power of prayer may, despite all the logic and experience in proof of it, still be unconvincing or quite objectionable. Those of us who once felt this way can certainly understand and sympathize. We well remember how something deep inside us kept rebelling against the idea of bowing before any God. Many of us had strong logic, too, which "proved" there was no God whatever. What about all the accidents, sickness, cruelty, and injustice in the world? What about all those unhappy lives which were the direct result of unfortunate birth and uncontrollable circumstances? Surely there could be no justice in this scheme of things, and therefore no God at all...

Of course we finally did experiment, and when unexpected results followed, we felt different; in fact we knew different; and so we were sold on meditation and prayer...

Tradition 11 - Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter on Tradition 11.

Let's see how these two contrasting ideas—attraction and promotion—work out. A political party wishes to win an election, so it advertises the virtues of its leadership to draw votes. A worthy charity wants to raise money; forthwith, its letterhead shows the name of every distinguished person whose support can be obtained. Much of the political, economic, and religious life of the world is dependent upon publicized leadership. People who symbolize causes and ideas fill a deep human need. We of A.A. do not question that. But we do have to soberly face the fact that being in the public eye is hazardous, especially for us. By temperament, nearly every one of us had been an irrepressible promoter, and the prospect of a society composed almost entirely of promoters was frightening. Considering this explosive factor, we knew we had to exercise self-restraint.

The way this restraint paid off was startling. It resulted in more favorable publicity of Alcoholics Anonymous than could possibly have been obtained through all the arts and abilities of A.A.'s best press agents. Obviously, A.A. had to be publicized somehow, so we resorted to the idea that it would be far better to let our friends do this for us. Precisely that has happened, to an unbelievable extent. Veteran newsmen, trained doubters that they are, have gone all out to carry A.A.'s message. To them, we are something more than the source of good stories. On almost every newsfront, the men and women of the press have attached themselves to us as friends.

In the beginning, the press could not understand our refusal of all personal publicity. They were genuinely baffled by our insistence upon anonymity. Then they got the point. Here was something rare in the world—a society which said it wished to publicize its principles and its work, but not its individual members...