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# THE WESTWORD

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## Central Office News



### They're back!

After a long absence,  
the early sobriety key tags  
are back and available at  
Central Office.

30 + 60 day tags: \$2.25 ea.

90 day, 6 mo. + 9 mo. tags: \$1.50 ea.

### REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Mon–Fri, 8:30am–5:00pm  
Closed 1:00pm–2:00pm for lunch  
Closed Saturdays

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Victoria Day, Mon. May 24, 2021  
Canada Day, Thurs. July 1, 2021

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# GARNET BLOCK



# STAMPEDE ALCATHON

1609 Center  
Street NW



Open  
Meeting

**SATURDAY JULY 10th 2021**

## SCHEDULE:

**DOORS OPEN AT 10:AM**

10:30am - 11:30am - Step 2-3

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Step 4-5

1:30pm - 2:30pm - Step 6-7

**3:00pm - 4:00pm - STEP 1 (A Closer Look)**

**4:00pm - 5:30pm - Dinner! Smokies and Dogz**

5:30pm - 6:30pm - Step 8-9

7:00pm - 8:00pm - Step 10-11

**8:30pm — 9:30pm - Gratitude Callup!**

10:00pm - 11:00pm - Step 12

Dinner will be supplied - Smokies and Hot Dogs  
The 3:00pm Workshop and the 8:30pm Meetings  
Streamed live from the Garnet—**Zoom 654342181**

## ROCK THE BLOCK!

Current Covid protocol's shall be adhered to

**INTERGROUP CONTACTS:**

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**MEETING CHANGES:****NEW MEETINGS**

**Came to** - Sunday morning 9am Forestlawn fellowship room 1830 - 52st SE upstairs.

**Saturday Night Fellowship**, speaker meeting, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Forestlawn Fellowship Room, 1830 52 St. SE.

**MEETING CHANGES**

**Steps, Stories & Beyond** – are now back in the Penbrooke Community Centre as of March (6100 – 8 Ave SE).

**Beautiful Hope Women's Group**, open, Mondays, 7:00 pm, Step/Tradition discussion, Mustard Seed Neighbor Centre, Madigan Plaza, 6060 Memorial Drive NE, Suite 24.

**SouthView By the Book**, Friday @ 7:30 pm is moving to the ForestLawn Fellowship Room at 1830 – 52 Street SE, Unit 208

**Carstairs Sunday Night**, Changing their time back to 7:30 pm and the location will be the Royal Canadian Legion, 121 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

**MEETING INFO**

**Shipwreck @ Sunset**, On the first Friday of every month there will be a speaker meeting, speakers are from the Area 78 Service Committee. Speakers will speak about AA volunteer service work. The meeting has been changed from 9:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Zoom ID: 820 2747 0151

**Mazatlan Zoom Meeting**, new Zoom meeting at noon on Friday in sunny Mazatlan Mexico. Zoom ID: 721 2445 6307, Password: "unity"

**Friday Night Trainwreck**, Open, Fridays, 10 pm, 2+ hours, Step & Tradition, 200 Haddon Rd. SW, Rm. 200L (upstairs).

**Awakening Meeting**: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 823 4331 8203. No Password required.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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

| May                   |          |                 |          |                                |          | June                   |          |                |          |                 |         |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Airdrie Country Group |          | Midnapore Group |          | New Beginnings                 |          | Airdrie Back From Hell |          | Ogden Group    |          |                 |         |
| Scott H.              | 2 Years  | Bill G.         | 4 Years  | Jen S.                         | 3 Years  | Candace w.             | 4 Years  | Kirby L.       | 4 Years  |                 |         |
| KC                    | 10 Years | Mathew M.       | 4 Years  | Shannon E.                     | 7 Years  | Brad H.                | 7 Years  | Deb D.         | 10 Years |                 |         |
| Central Recover       |          | Ben T.          | 5 Years  | Jill L.                        | 8 Years  | Airdrie Country Group  |          | Don B.         | 11 Years |                 |         |
| Dave M.               | 13 Years | Dave M.         | 5 Years  | Kena                           | 10 Years | Keith                  | 6 Years  | Tony K.        | 13 Years |                 |         |
| Deer Ridge Group      |          | Tracey B.       | 5 Years  | Ogden Group                    |          | Ute                    | 11 Years | Shannon T.     | 15 Years |                 |         |
| Taylor                | 4 Years  | Angelina O.     | 6 Years  | Diane D.                       | 6 Years  | Ken                    | 13 Years | Maryan Mc.     | 23 Years |                 |         |
| Harold                | 13 Years | April S.        | 6 Years  | Doug H.                        | 6 Years  | Awakening Group        |          | Regal Group    |          |                 |         |
| Cliff B.              | 32 Years | Ted W.          | 6 Years  | Nicole R.                      | 7 Years  | Crystal J.             | 1 Year   | Taylor I.      | 6 Years  |                 |         |
| Edgemont Group        |          | Dianne B.       | 7 Years  | Roy F.                         | 29 Years | Darcy F.               | 3 Years  | Ted M.         | 44 Years |                 |         |
| Kellen M.             | 17 Years | Brydo D.        | 8 Years  | Recovery Group                 |          | Deer Ridge Group       |          | Rule 62        |          |                 |         |
| Dave R.               | 19 Years | Chuck N.        | 10 Years | Susan B.                       | 2 Years  | Paul C.                | 9 Years  | Sarah M.       | 7 Years  |                 |         |
| June J.               | 19 Years | Bruce S.        | 14 Years | Leanne N.                      | 3 Years  | Nancy P.               | 17 Years | Unity Group    |          |                 |         |
| Tom W.                | 23 Years | Brad W.         | 16 Years | Joanna C.                      | 7 Years  | Tammy G.               | 29 Years | Jim H.         | 20 Years |                 |         |
| Fraser G.             | 49 Years | Wendy S.        | 17 Years | Regal Group                    |          | Denny B.               | 31 Years | Iva P.         | 37 Years |                 |         |
| Garnet Block          |          | Daryl L.        | 25 Years | Paul G.                        | 7 Years  | Margot C.              | 38 Years |                |          |                 |         |
| Ray H.                | 1 Year   | Sylvia          | 29 Years | Rule 62                        |          | Edgemont Group         |          |                |          |                 |         |
| Sean                  | 1 Year   | Shirley T.      | 34 Years | Larry D.                       | 7 Years  | Brent M.               | 23 Years |                |          |                 |         |
| Ben F.                | 2 Years  | McKenzie Towne  |          | Nate M.                        | 7 Years  | Harvest Hills Big Book |          | McKenzie Towne |          |                 |         |
| Case                  | 5 Years  | Josh B.         | 2 Years  | Wednesday Morning eye Opener   |          | Stuart C.              | 5 Years  | Cory F.        | 1 Year   |                 |         |
| Nicole R.             | 7 Years  | Jenn            | 4 Years  |                                |          | Shalee S.              | 6 Years  | Joanne M.      | 4 Years  |                 |         |
| Marty B.              | 16 Years | Tiffany T.      | 5 Years  |                                |          | Marty B.               | 7 Years  | Sandra B.      | 8 Years  | Des M.          | 4 Years |
| Marilyn S.            | 18 Years | Denis L.        | 10 Years | Tom M.                         | 26 Years | Kincora Group          |          | Kristin M.     | 5 Years  |                 |         |
| Bea                   | 40 Years | Rafal K.        | 11 Years | Stella B.                      | 40 Years | David M.               | 32 Years | Rachelle T.    | 5 Years  |                 |         |
| Glenmore Group        |          | Katie M.        | 11 Years | Bill M.                        | 58 Years | Emillian               | 34 Years | Margery K.     | 17 Years |                 |         |
| Travis                | 2 Years  | Shelley A.      | 14 Years | Westend Step & Tradition Group |          | MATT Group             |          | Kirk M.        | 1 Year   |                 |         |
| Mike                  | 6 Years  | Bren C.         | 27 Years |                                |          | Grant C.               | 36 Years |                |          |                 |         |
| Claire                | 8 Years  | James C.        | 27 Years |                                |          | Nick L.                | 35 Years |                |          | Midnapore Group |         |
| Melissa               | 11 Years | Wayne C.        | 29 Years | Pete DeF.                      | 40 Years | Cole C.                | 3 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| David W.              | 15 Years | NADZIEJA Group  |          | Peter G.                       | 43 Years | Gen F.                 | 4 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Harvest Hills Group   |          | Hubert K.       | 1 Year   | Denny B.                       | 47 Years | Tammy M.               | 5 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| John H.               | 2 Years  | Lukasz B.       | 1 Year   |                                |          | Wayne G.               | 5 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Deepy G.              | 3 Years  | Iwona K.        | 2 Years  |                                |          | Tyler C.               | 6 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Just for Today        |          | Krzysztof M.    | 11 Years |                                |          | Dan C.                 | 7 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Dodie                 | 50 Years | Joanna C.       | 12 Years |                                |          | Jacob C.               | 7 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Kincora Group         |          |                 |          |                                |          | Kristen B.             | 9 Years  |                |          |                 |         |
| Kinda W.              | 6 Years  |                 |          |                                |          | James C.               | 10 Years |                |          |                 |         |
| Maureen               | 10 Years |                 |          |                                |          |                        |          |                |          |                 |         |
| Knox Nooners          |          |                 |          |                                |          |                        |          |                |          |                 |         |
| Bob C.                | 38 Years |                 |          |                                |          |                        |          |                |          |                 |         |

# Service Opportunities

## Upcoming CGSC Service Commitments

| Treatment Facility     | AA Groups for May | AA Group June         |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Renfrew Tuesday        | CANCELLED         | CANCELLED             |
| Renfrew Thursday       | CANCELLED         | CANCELLED             |
| Renfrew Fridays (zoom) | CANCELLED         | Primary Purpose Group |
| Sunrise                | New Beginnings    | Unity Group           |
| Alpha House            | CANCELLED         | CANCELLED             |
| Dream Centre           | Midnapore Group   | Morning Bridge        |
| Sandstone (Friday)     | Primary Purpose   | June 11, Zach         |

## Upcoming Intergroup Service Commitments

| Sunday Morning (9:30am)<br>Intergroup Zoom Meeting<br>ID: 639 139 785<br>Password: 531069<br>(Ramada Breakfast Meeting) | AA Group                | Phone Monitoring<br>Dates | AA Group          |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| June 06, 2021   | McKenzie Towne          | May 31 – June 6           | Daily Reflections |
| June 13, 2021   | Ogden Group             | June 7 – 13               | Knox-Mustard Seed |
| June 20, 2021   | Saturday Morning Bridge | June 14 – 20              | PPG               |
| June 27, 2021   | Haddon Road             | June 21 – 27              | Haddon Road       |
| July 4, 2021  | Garnet Block            | June 28 – July 4          |                   |
| July 11, 2021   |                         | July 5 – 11               |                   |
|   |                         | July 12 - 18              |                   |

## Calls for service

'Intro to Service' is forming a new Committee as of February 6, first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at @ 7:00PM. We will be working with All Calgary Districts, DCM, GSR, Intergroup Reps, and over the next 2 years will involve all forms of our Service Body. This will be the hottest New Committee out there. If you are Interested in service Please Attend!  
[CGSCintro@gmail.com](mailto:CGSCintro@gmail.com)

**Bridging the Gap** needs: Temporary Contacts, Committee members, Speakers for Detox centres. Interested? BTG meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Zoom Meeting ID: 985 155 6437 or Email: [cgsbctg@gmail.com](mailto:cgsbctg@gmail.com)



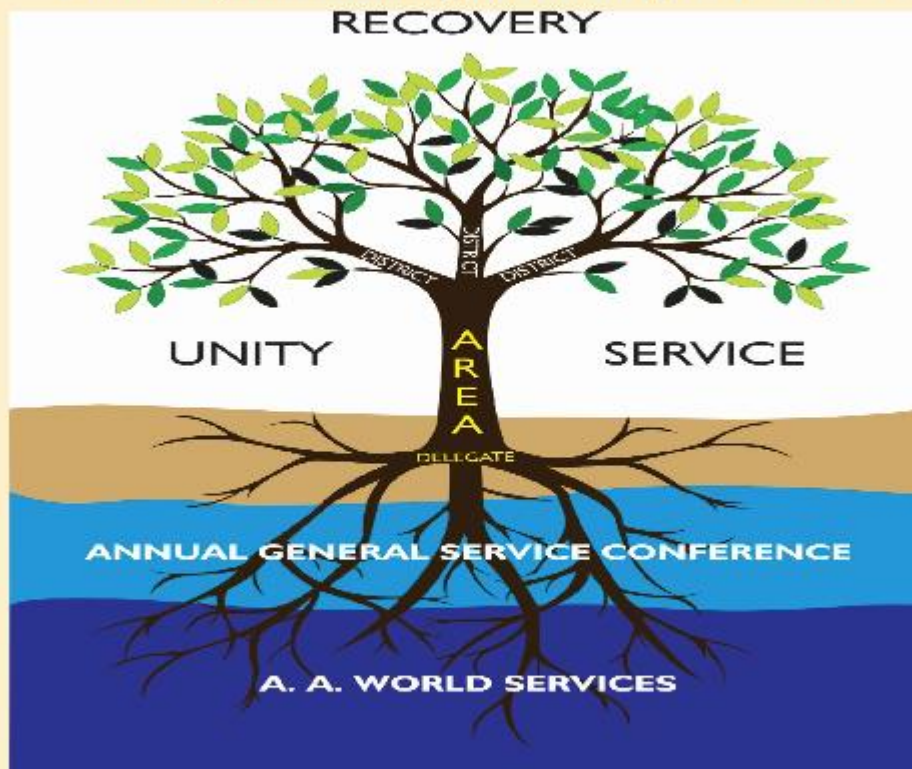
## LIST OF EVENTS

| DATE  | EVENT   | DETAILS  |
|---|---|--|
| Tuesday, June 08, 2021                      | Deer Ridge Group: Presentation on our Service Structure | Please see attached poster for zoom information. Presentation is 30 minutes and starts at 6:15 pm MT   |
| Thursday, June 10, 2021                     | C.P.C. Committee: Information Session for Professionals | Please see attached flyer for more details. Lots of fantastic content from 11:30am to 1:00 pm MT.  |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 9 - 11, 2021 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Unity & Service Conference       | Please register online at <a href="https://www.unityandserviceconference.org/">https://www.unityandserviceconference.org/</a> . See attached flyer for more information. |

The Deer Ridge group would like to invite you to attend a presentation on our service structure via zoom

Speaker Becky P, Past Delegate for Area 78, will be our speaker

30 minutes (short and sweet) with time for questions after ☺



Date: June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021  
 Tuesday @ 6:15pm  
 Meeting ID: 847 744 5262

## The June 2021 Issue of GRAPEVINE is here!



### On the Cover: Dating and Relationships To view the Table of Contents, click here.

Some stories include:

#### It takes love

Today, thanks to AA, I have a kind and loving partner. This did not always seem like a possibility for me.

#### Amends with the ex

For nine years, I waffled about a particular situation on my Fourth Step and the subsequent amends that would be needed.

#### Something Better

I grew up in a middle class home, the only child of my mother and the only girl for my father.

#### A Great Ex-Wife

A few days ago, I was sitting in a hospital room, holding hands with my ex-husband while he was recovering from serious internal complications.



**Virtual**

ASL Interpreted For The Deaf

## 6th Annual Unity & Service Conference

"Applying the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts of AA in All of Our Affairs"

**July 9 - 11, 2021** (all times PDT)



Spanish Translation

| Friday, July 9   | Saturday, July 10  | Sunday, July 11   |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b>5:45 pm - Welcome! Serenity Prayer &amp; Kickoff</b><br/><i>(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)</i></p> <p><b>6:00 pm - "Loving Our Three Legacies"</b><br/><i>Sister Judith Ann Kumar, Class A Trustee</i></p> <p><b>7:30 pm - "Our Primary Aim"</b><br/><i>Tim C., Hayward CA</i></p> <p><b>9:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity</b></p> | <p><b>8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer &amp; Kickoff</b><br/><i>(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)</i></p> <p><b>9:00 am - "My Favorite Traditions"</b><br/><i>Jimmy D., Dallas TX</i></p> <p><b>10:30 am - Service Panels</b><br/><i>Young People, Bridging The Gap, Corrections (H&amp;B), Grapevine</i></p> <p><b>12:00 pm - Break</b></p> <p><b>12:30 pm - "Why Stay? Overcoming Racial Barriers"</b><br/><i>Kesho S., Grinnell IA</i></p> <p><b>2:00 pm - "Three Legacies, Family Style"</b><br/><i>Craig, Marissa and Stephen, Sandy Hook CT</i></p> <p><b>4:30 pm - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Foundation"</b><br/><i>Steve L., Nashville TN</i></p> <p><b>6:00 pm - Close with Responsibility Statement</b></p> | <p><b>8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer &amp; Kickoff</b><br/><i>(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)</i></p> <p><b>9:00 am - "The 12 Concepts"</b><br/><i>Ashley J., The Beacon Group, Boston</i></p> <p><b>10:30 am - Service Panels</b><br/><i>PWCPC, Intergroup/Hotline, General Service, Sponsorship</i></p> <p><b>12:00 pm - Break</b></p> <p><b>12:30 pm - "Never Too Young For General Service"</b><br/><i>Katie H., Fair Oaks CA</i></p> <p><b>2:00 pm - Ask It Basket with Speakers</b><br/><i>Sister Judith Ann, Tim, Jimmy, Kesho, Steve, Ashley, Katie, Craig, Marissa, Stephen</i></p> <p><b>3:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity</b></p> |

Online Event!  
Space is Limited.....  
Pre-Register Today!  
[unityandserviceconference.org](http://unityandserviceconference.org)  
925.222.5639



An Alcoholics Anonymous event  
with Al-Anon participation

Area 78 Grapevine {grape-a-thon}. Sunday, June 6, 2021.  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm. zoom ID: 708 555 5414. no password.

# 1ST ANNUAL GRAPE-A-THON HOME-GROUP PHOTO AWARD ~SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR HOME GROUP...

AND STILL MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY??

*The Area 78 GrapeVine Committee invites all groups and members to submit photos of their {unoccupied/empty} Home Group room. The photos will be part of a slide show during the Grape-a-Thon on June 6, 2021. Attendees will vote on:*

- best looking empty room
- most awesome AA Display
- best scrath and sniff AA coffee



1. TAKE THE PICTURE
2. EMAIL YOUR PICTURE TO [GRAPEVINE.70@AREA78.ORG](mailto:GRAPEVINE.70@AREA78.ORG)
3. BEFORE MAY 23, 2021
4. SHOW UP AND VOTE ONLINE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021
5. ACCEPT YOUR AWARD AND SOME SWAG



## WE WELCOME YOU TO THE BETTER DAYS GROUP SPEAKER MEETING

JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> 2021. AT 8:00pm

ONLINE OPENS AT 7:30PM - MEETING STARTS AT 8:00PM

Please join our meeting from your computer,  
tablet or smartphone.

<https://www.gotomeet.me/BETTERDAYSGROUP>

ACCESS CODE BELOW

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada (Toll Free): [1 888 455 1389](tel:18884551389)

Access CODE: [858-492-805](tel:858492805)

Come To hear; What it was like,  
What happen,  
What it is like Today

**TONY F.** from the GARNET BLOCK





## The 12 Concepts

The Rest of the Service Manual

### A Second Series

offered by a

### Quartet of Delegates

(An International Affair)

excited to invite you  
to join us in  
learning more about  
the 12 Concepts.

### Thursdays

May 20-June 24

7pm-8:30pm EST

Room opens at 6:30pm EST

Zoom log in information:

882 8095 8514

Pass Code:

327551

F.M.I.

[2021SMStudy@gmail.com](mailto:2021SMStudy@gmail.com)

Terry H., Nikki O., Cynthia T., J.J. S

## Schedule

|         |            |            |                       |
|---------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| May 20  | Concept 1  | Beau B.    | AAWS Trustee          |
|         | Concept 2  | Jan L.     | E. Canada Trustee     |
| May 27  | Concept 3  | Don M.     | Past Trustee at Large |
|         | Concept 4  | Trish L.   | Trustee at Large, CA  |
| June 3  | Concept 5  | Nagini V.  | Past Delegate         |
|         | Concept 6  | Kathi F.   | P. Regional Trustee   |
| June 10 | Concept 7  | Hugh H.    | Past Delegate         |
|         | Concept 8  | El N.      | Past Trustee          |
| June 17 | Concept 9  | Dave A.    | Past Delegate         |
|         | Concept 10 | Sue W.     | Past Delegate         |
| June 24 | Concept 11 | Elaine O.  | Past Delegate         |
|         | Concept 12 | J. Buck R. | Past Delegate         |

The weekly format will  
include 2 Concept  
presentations followed by  
Q & A

Week 6, June 24, will be a  
2-hour workshop to  
accommodate Concept 12

**You are Invited!**



### **C.P.C. COMMITTEE (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY)**

Members of C.P.C. committees inform Professionals and future Professionals about A.A.

Our **Mission** is to Cooperate with non-alcoholic Professionals in an effective way to provide information about AA to those that have contact with alcoholics through their Profession.

### **ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION**

Meeting ID: 249 154 1082

Password: 720467

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2491541082?pwd=Q0lGbzR5SRmNnaFJiaEFoZkVkd3F5UT09>

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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C.P.C. Chairperson

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Text: 587-717-1369

or

Meeting Coordinator

[aacpcevents@gmail.com](mailto:aacpcevents@gmail.com)

### **PLEASE RSVP**

Email: [cqscpc@gmail.com](mailto:cqscpc@gmail.com)

Or: [aacpcevents@gmail.com](mailto:aacpcevents@gmail.com)

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## **Information Session for Professionals**

If in your Professional life you come in contact with individuals experiencing problems with Alcohol, please join us for this informative session.

**Thursday June 10th, 2021**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

11:30am – 12:15pm: Presentation & Speaker

12:15pm – 1:00pm: Q & A small group breakout sessions with Professionals and AA members.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

#### **AA Information Presentation**

We will provide you a brief yet comprehensive look at the History of AA, What AA is, what we do, what we do not do, how to find us, and other important information about us. (approx. 15 min.)

#### **A Story of Success**

One of our members will share their story of recovery through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. They will share about "What it was like, what changed, and what it's like now". (approx. 15-20 min)

#### **What we can do for you!**

Learn what the C.P.C. Committee is, what we do, and how we may be able to help you to help others. If your Profession puts you in contact with anyone struggling with problem drinking or Alcoholism, we would like to help. (approx. 5 min.)

#### **Q & A Open discussion in small group breakout rooms**

Ask anything about us in this rare opportunity and candid session with some of our AA members. Don't be shy, were not!

### **WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?**

Learn about Alcoholics Anonymous and Recovery directly from our members. Many of us were referred to AA by Professionals just like you!

Learn how the C.P.C. can Cooperate with Professionals and be helpful to those you may serve that are struggling with alcohol.

Learn how referring your employees, clients, patients, parishioners, or friends and family to us can help you to help them.

### **WHO CAN ATTEND?**

**Professionals:** Anyone who through their Profession may encounter individuals struggling with alcohol is encouraged to attend.

**Please share this invitation with others that may benefit!**

**AA Members:** All AA members are welcome. Only CPC committee members will join Professionals in the breakout rooms. **Non C.P.C. AA members will be offered a C.P.C. information session at that time.**

## *Naming an A.A. Group*

No matter how noble the activity or institution, experience has taught A.A. groups to carefully avoid any affiliation with or endorsement of any enterprise outside A.A.

### Tradition Six:

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Even the appearance of being linked to any organization, club, or political or religious institution needs to be avoided.

Therefore, an A.A. group that meets in a correctional or treatment facility or a church should take care not to use the institution's name, but to call itself something quite different. This makes it clear that the A.A. group is not affiliated with the hospital, church, prison, treatment facility, or whatever, but simply rents space there for meetings.

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[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-16\\_theaagroup.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf)





## Step 6 & Tradition 6

### ***Step 6 – Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.***

So Step Six-“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character”-is A.A.'s way of stating the best possible attitude one can take in order to make a beginning on this lifetime job. This does not mean that we expect all our character defects to be lifted out of us as the drive to drink was. A few of them may be, but with most of them we shall have to be content with patient improvement. The key words “entirely ready” underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn.

How many of us have this degree of readiness? In an absolute sense practically nobody has it. The best we can do, with all the honesty that we can summon, is to try to have it. Even then the best of us will discover to our dismay that there is always a sticking point, a point at which we say, “No, I can't give this up yet.” And we shall often tread on even more dangerous ground when we cry, “This I will never give up!” Such is the power of our instincts to overreach themselves. No matter how far we have progressed, desires will always be found which oppose the grace of God.

Some who feel they have done well may dispute this, so let's try to think it through a little further. Practically everybody wishes to be rid of his most glaring and destructive handicaps. No one wants to be so proud that he is scorned as a braggart, nor so greedy that he is labeled a thief. No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. No one wants to be agonized by the chronic pain of envy or to be paralyzed by sloth. Of course, most human beings don't suffer these defects at these rock-bottom levels.

We who have escaped these extremes are apt to congratulate ourselves. Yet can we? After all, hasn't it been self-interest, pure and simple, that has enabled most of us to escape? Not much spiritual effort is involved in avoiding excesses which will bring us punishment anyway. But when we face up to the less violent aspects of these very same defects, then where do we stand?

***From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.65-66.***

### ***Tradition 6 – An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.***

The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause.

Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn't like alcoholics so we thought we'd build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we'd educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We'd gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement. Maybe these places would make large sums of money to carry on other good works...

Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great ideals. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout. Providence, through A.A., had brought us within reach of our highest expectations.

Whereupon we tried A.A. hospitals—they all bogged down because you cannot put an A.A. group into business; too many busybody cooks spoil the broth. A.A. groups had their fling at education, and when they began to publicly whoop up the merits of this or that brand, people became confused. Did A.A. fix drunks or was it an educational project? Was A.A. spiritual or was it medical? Was it a reform movement?...

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.

***From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.155-156.***