

A Degree Of Serenity

Picture, if you will, a recovering alcoholic sitting at a desk with several open textbooks, dog-eared journal articles highlighted in living colors, and half-filled sheets of notes. Precariously close to the desk's edge, you spy a coffee-stained mug and a filter-filled ashtray. The alcoholic, bone tired, headachy, but worst of all, lonely and anxious, longs to drag herself to bed. She doesn't dare. A research paper on Chaucer's views on women, due in the morning, demands proofing. A neglected chapter still needs reading before tomorrow's Physical Science lab. Finals threaten like dark storm clouds - only one week away.

Overwhelmed and frustrated, she wallows in self-pity fed by exhaustion. Her mind begins to play its old tricks, conjuring up a tall, cool, tingling drink - the perfect balm for all physical aches and emotional pains.

Many nights during the last two years, I have lived this scenario. Fortunately, it has never become necessary to mix that disastrous first drink. This is the story of how I coped - the AA way.

When after two years of sobriety, the opportunity arose to continue my interrupted pursuit of a bachelor's degree in English (begun some twenty-five years before), I jumped at the chance. Like so many important goals in life, this one, too, had been pushed to the wayside when it began to interfere with my drinking.

Cocksure, eager to show the world what I could do sober, I set off for college on a collision course.

Oh, certainly I was grateful to the Higher Power for this second chance, but now it was up to me. I could make a living amends for all those wasted days (and nights) lost in an alcoholic haze - learning nothing, accomplishing nothing, being nothing.

Reality interfered almost immediately - as it has a way of doing whenever I venture too far into a grandiose dreamlike state of mind. It had always been my intention to teach high school. (I certainly never intended to grow up to be an alcoholic.) The School of Education refused my application for admission into its teaching curriculum. It deemed my previous college record as slightly shaky; I was asked to prove the sincerity of my present intentions before taking education classes.

I fussed and fumed for several days, then took my resentment to a meeting. The first thing I heard, of course, said it all: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change." Once again, I trudged off toward college, resolving to live the plans, not plan results, for they belong to God.

Classes filled my days. Study chewed up my nights. I would show these people I could be the best English major ever to grace their doors. Another disastrous mistake. Knowing my thought processes had been freed from alcohol's grasp, I failed to recognize that the *ism* of my disease thrived on in my spongy brain.

Powerless over the pressures which college dished out so generously, the harder and longer I tried on my own to solve the academic puzzles, the more unmanageable my life became. My French book might well have been written in ancient Sanskrit. Algebra certainly didn't originate on this planet.

Again, AA came to the rescue. Not until I began to incorporate the teachings in the Big Book into the class material did the pieces begin to fall into place. My diploma may as well read "an AA BA."

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AA Meetings: She Broke My Anonymity!



New:None!

Changed:AA Para Mujeres now meets on Wednesday (not Friday) from 6-7pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This is a women's meeting.

Emotional Sobriety now meets at 6-7pm, Sundays at JESCO. It is now a Closed meeting.

Canceled:G-d Wrestlers, Moday night from 7-8pm, is now canceled.

Meetings of Interest:Expect A Miracle Group at the Goshen Grange welcomes all women to their 7-8:15pm Tuesday evening meetings. Directions are available on the bulletin board at the EVI office.

Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. It's a lot easier to remember when you are starting a meeting, but if you stop meeting remembering to remove it from meeting lists may save someone frustration and more when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book Changes" book at the EVI office. Ask a volunteer at the front desk for it. Thanks!

It seems I hear the above complaint often in the context of Alcoholics Anonymous. Alleged failure to respect anonymity is a common cause of resentment, and is not infrequently cited as the precipitating factor in a slip. I use the term alleged, because although some of the incidents involve deliberate behavior which has caused actual damage, it is often the case that either the perpetrator, or the complainant, or both, do not have a clear idea what anonymity is, and what it is not.

About all a member of Alcoholics Anonymous can expect regarding the confidentiality of his attendance at meetings and the material he may choose to share, is that no official record will be kept of it without his explicit consent, and that no pressure will be put on him by the organization to create such a record, or to disclose damaging information about himself in a meeting. Except in large urban areas, he cannot insure himself against recognition by people who know him from other contexts, nor trust that all such people will scrupulously avoid mentioning having seen him at a meeting. If the mere fact that you have had a problem with drinking (even one which has heretofore not caused much trouble) and are doing something about it is something you wish to keep strictly secret, then Alcoholics Anonymous is probably not for you.

There are some things which are better left unsaid in a general meeting. Even in a closed meeting, there will be people who pass on information to individuals outside AA. Some may work for law enforcement agencies or social welfare organizations, and have a professional obligation to intervene in a situation which overrides their affiliation with Alcoholics Anonymous. Some may simply be inveterate gossips. The person sitting next to you in a meeting may relapse the following month, and share your confidences with his drinking buddies. Those aspects of your life which you earnestly want not to become general knowledge, which you feel you must confide to someone in order to maintain sobriety, are best left to your sponsor, a professional counselor, or a representative of the clergy. In choosing a sponsor, it is a good idea to observe the person in meetings and get to know him before being entirely candid about thorny topics, because not all sponsors respect the confidentiality of their sponsees as scrupulously as might be wished.

Many members of Alcoholics Anonymous would be well advised to be more circumspect when sharing about others. How much of the narrative of your brother-in-law's relapse really needs to be aired in an open meeting, in front of people to whom the individual may be readily identifiable? Although it is impossible to entirely eliminate references to others in sharing one's experience, strength, and hope, a little reflection will usually enable an AA member to avoid specifics that make the other person identifiable, and/ or confine himself to those concrete behaviors and incidents which directly affected his own life.

Finally, Alcoholics Anonymous is not a closed clandestine society whose members are sworn to secrecy regarding each other's actual actions. If Jane Doe, with whom I have formed a relationship in a meeting, borrows my car, damages it, and refuses to compensate me, there is nothing in the circumstance of our both being members of AA which makes it a breach of confidentiality for me to complain about the incident. Incidentally, one of the great strengths of having a group of individuals - the home group - who are accustomed to sharing quite openly about their personal lives on a regular basis, is that these people at least will have formed a sense of which of us is the more truthful, in the event that two rather different versions of the incident are circulating.

Martha S., Eugene, Oregon

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Like alcohol, God works cunningly in my life, passing out his lessons oh so subtly: I didn't come to this spiritual awakening on my own. It dawned on me one hot, muggy Georgia morning, in a smelly Biology lab.

After studying for hours for a lab test, I still felt lost among the multi-colored, gruesome specimens. The first two organisms for identification left me blank. Anxiety overwhelmed me, leaving me on the verge of panic.

A confident-acting young man behind me in line squeezed my hand, whispering, "Relax, Grandma, you'll do fine."

Yes, I appreciated his reassurance, except for one thing. His whisper drifted on heavy fumes of Budweiser. No wonder he was so laid back.

Resisting a compelling desire to stab him with a dissecting scalpel, I glanced down. Taped to the counter, presumably by some empathetic lab assistant hoping to relieve the tension, a Charlie Brown cartoon caught my eye. Charlie, looking in a microscope, said, "Wow, God must have great eyes!"

Relief washed over me. Of course, God knows all the answers. He built all these things. His was the master plan. Only he could inject a semblance of sanity into my situation. Saying the Third Step prayer, I moved to the next microscope. I recognized the specimen immediately, and the next one, and so it went. The lesson I learned that day had nothing to do with Biology, but has seen me through test after test.

As an alcoholic, every day in my life carries with it a test of some sort; but, if I do my AA homework, plus attend meetings regularly, the answers will come. All that he requires of me are an open mind and a willingness to listen for his cues. Grades are determined in degrees of serenity.

I wish I could say it was all easy after that Biology test, but no one ever promised us sober living would be easy. I had and still have many difficult lessons to learn. The program promises us that "God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves," and that we will "intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us" - if we conscientiously study, not just skim, the Steps.

"Baffled" aptly describes my mental state, periodically, throughout these last two years. Each semester I faced what seemed to be an unfinishable amount of work and each quarter the work miraculously got finished, one step at a time, one day at a time. As the program teaches, God never gives us more than we can capably handle.

Capably - not perfectly - that's the key. Not all my work succeeded in meeting requirements perfectly. I learned (but not quickly) to cope with constructive, yet still stingingly critical, comment without slinking away to lick my wounds or to dull their pain with liquid anesthesia.

AA was always there to grant me comfort when my ego ached. During a Step meeting one evening, I found myself only half listening to what was being shared. The truant half-mind circled warily around and around a poorly organized paper that had been returned that day, dripping red comments as if the poor professor had fought and bled over it. I hurt badly from what I perceived as humiliating failure- totally irrevocable. Knowing it unhealthy to hold in the hurt, I spilled it in the group.

An old-timer reminded me: We don't regret our mistakes or slam the door on them. Our failures are no longer our own. Rather, we learn from, grow from, and guide others away from our mistakes.

Conversely, our successes no longer are strictly personal victories. They, too, become the property of the group, granted through God's grace as an object lesson for those who struggle to see the value of the program in their

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EVI Office

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Drop by for a visit!

EVI Web Site

www.efn.org/~eviaa

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

E.V.I. News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: eviaa@efn.org

Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office. Call John G (686-5602) with any questions.

Contributions:

(July/year to date)

Anonymous/Unknown 0/10.00
As Bill Sees It 0/25.00
Attitude Adjustment 104.84/961.27
Autumn Group 60.00/60.00
Brown Bag Group 0/100.00
Caduceus 0/113.00
Cottage Grove Noon 0/10.74
Courage to Change 0/78.00
Downtown AM Group 206.38/770.39
Early Firehouse Group 0/30.00
Freedom of Choice 0/296.00
Friday Night BB Study 0/119.22
Friday Night Stag 0/0
From The Heart 0/100.00
Get Well Group 0/20.00
Gratitude Group 0/50.00
The Great Fact Group 0/15.00
How It Works 0/393.00
Last Chance Study Group 0/60.00
McKenzie Bridge Group 0/0
Men's Daily Reflections 0/0
Monday Mens Stag 0/131.50
Monday Night Beginners 0/0
New Freedom 192.50/395.50
New Freedom II 0/240.00
Primary Purpose 0/0.50
Recovery By the Big Book 0/0
Recovery By The Steps 35.00/100.00
Rush Hour Group 0/53.00
Saturday Morning Steps 0/220.00
Search For Serenity 87.00/532.36
Serenity Seekers West 0/0
Sober Awakenings 360.00/660.00
Sobriety for Life 54.00/144.00
Springfield Monday Night 3.00/15.00
Sponsorship 10.00/10.00
Stairway to Sobriety 0/125.00
Sunday Morning B.B. 0/781.15
Sunday Sunshine 0/185.00
Sunlight of the Spirit 0/50.00
Sunday Night 12x12 0/0
Thurs. Men's Book Study 0/100.00
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0
Try God Group 0/536.70
Tuesday Beginners 0/0
Veneta Gratitude Group 0/30.00
Vet's and Friends 0/40.00
Wednesday Mens Noon 0/0
Wed. Night Men's Stag 200.00/200.00
Women's How It Works 0/15.66
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/205.25
Women's Wednesday 0/2.00
Total Contributions (month/year to date)
Group month/ytd 1312.72/7988.24
Contributions/Individual
Anonymous/Unknown 0/152.00
Faithful Fivers 120.00/624.40
Ind. Contributions/Other 56.13/313.30
Total Contributions/Ind. 176.13/1016.76

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daily lives. We must never forget to share our joys as well as our sorrows, our achievements as well as our defeats, lest the *ism* of our disease gobble us whole leaving only ego - our way of easing God out of our lives.

The closer I get to graduation, the worse the pressure gets and the harder the material seems. I find myself in a sort of spiritual blackout at times, coming to with the realization that for days I have not taken out time to spend in quiet meditation. I'm empty- with a hollowness that can be filled in only one way.

Thankfully, God understands all. He gives me gentle pats on my back when I need moral support; then, sometimes, not so gently, he nudges me a mite lower on the backside when he sees I've strayed.

Recently, he did both in one short hour. Sick and tired of being sick and tired, anxious and irritable, unable to get caught up on pending assignments or get a fix on future ones, I slapped my books down on a classroom desk, resentfully glaring around the room. To my embarrassment, I saw an amused, smiling lady watching my childish antics. Our guest speaker! I'd completely forgotten.

I didn't recognize the stranger, but I recognized something she had - the precise thing I lacked that day. Serenity, composure, and inner peace floated around her like quiet music from an organ in a sanctuary. The effect was calming.

As if that wasn't enough, she passed out an inspirational piece she'd published; then proceeded to inform us about the freelance market for articles. My eyes slipped from her face to her written message. There it was, not her message at all, but God's - mingled within her words in black and white - for me.

Her article told how the needless worry and anxiety over things undone, poorly done, or yet to be done sap me of my energy, weaken my faith, and rob me of my victories from things already done. A knot, so large it nearly choked me, caught in my throat. Let go and let God. Instantly, soothing relief surged through me.

God and our AA principles supply me with a lifeline to which I cling with both hands. The closer I come to graduation, the less qualified I feel; hence, the more insecure I become. AA assures me this is a natural response. The more we strive to improve our spiritual selves, the more glaringly apparent seem our character defects, due to our heightened awareness. Like all AA truths, this can be applied to my daily life.

So graduation hovers over me - the end is near. Yet, just as every morning offers to us all the chance for a new beginning, so, too, is this just one more chance for a new day to dawn. Without our beautiful program, there could be no new beginnings for me. How grateful I am we need never graduate from AA.

Kathleen J., Augusta, Ga.

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EVI Changes

As reported in the EVI Business Meeting Minutes, the ad-hoc Diverter Committee is formed and has begun the changes that will help remove the disparities of the current system. Many thanks to Bob and Julien for their efforts to this end. Also a great many thanks to the Diverter Volunteers, their groups and to the EVI Office Volunteers for their cooperation.

The first change will be new office hours during the week. The office will now close at 5:30 pm in order to give time after working hours for Diverter volunteers to get prepared. The added bonus to this is that there will now be the extra half hour for folk to drop by after work.

A poll for group conscience was taken by Bill B. with phone calls to as many office volunteers as possible. It was obvious that these folk wish to do the right thing and give a little to the greater good. Once again, thanks to all!

August Calendar



Currently Available Service Positions:

H&I has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. There is also a special need for women volunteers for Lane County Jail, CCC, Willamette Valley Treatment, etc. The opportunity for this type of service has really expanded, and H&I has been doing a great job, but they need the AA community to step up and volunteer. This is real service work.

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30PM
Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
Tue District 33, 6:30PM Allen U. 741-2617
Wed District 19, 5:30PM Sandy V. 485-4827
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Angel 431-4924
Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00PM John G. 686-5602
Sat Cooperation with Professional Community, Noon
Sun Activities, 5:00PM Mindy 954-2048
2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM
Wed District 6, 6:30PM Tim A. 726-8558
Sat Answering/Diverter, 9:00AM
Sat EVI Speaker's Meeting, 7:30PM Country Club Road
3rd Wed Public Information, 6:00PM Bob P. 434-1045
Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM
Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30PM



Fellowship Events

September 6, 2003, Eugene, OR. Second Annual Java Jive (it's a talent show). 7PM First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street. \$5 suggested donation, with all proceeds supporting the EVI Activities Committee. Information at the EVI office. Come share your talent!

September 7, 2003, Eugene, OR. First Sunday Speaker Meeting 1:30-3PM. Sheri O. from Eugene, who has 22 years, will speak. Handicapped, deaf, and visually impaired access.

September 11-14, 2003, Sacramento, CA. 18th Annual Northern California Big Book Seminar. For information contact Ken P. at (916)456-8836 or email BBSeminar@yahoo.com

September 19-21, 2003, Hermiston, OR. Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly. Hermiston Community Center. For more information contact Andy S (541) 377-1491 or Sherri M (541) 377-3896.

September 26-28, 2003, Fall Creek Reservoir, OR. 14th Annual Men's SkyCamp Spiritual Retreat. Retreat Master will be Tom Ivestor from North Carolina. Registration information and flyers are available at the EVI office, or call Ted D. (541)686-0825 or Bill N. (541)747-7486.

The Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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Emerald Valley Intergroup

Business Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2003

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Harold B. with the Serenity Prayer. Nineteen EVI Reps on hand for a quorum. Also, District 19 and AIS-Alanon representatives were present.

Announcements:

As always we are in need of volunteers for service work in all areas. Check the BIG ASS CALENDAR in the office for up-coming events, and also check the printed flyers and bulletin boards in the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Larry W. Wants to keep Alma Work Camp going and needs volunteers to do so. Doing fairly well otherwise.

Speaker Meeting: Angie E. Must find a new place for this meeting BY SEPTEMBER. There will be an August meeting at Grace Community.

Treasurer: Tom L. Profit / Loss and Prudent reserve in good shape.

Office: Bill B. Things are getting done and moving ahead. Wants to extend office hours to 5:30 so the diverter people can get home from work.

Literature: Todd P. doing well

Communications:

Website: Jesse R. Up and running no problems. Anything put on website MUST be in PDF format.

Meeting Directories: Elizabeth R. Going good.

Newsletter: Teffany H. Doing well. Wants stories, articles, etc for newsletter.

Diverter: Bob E. Ad-Hoc committee formed to look at improving the system. Trying to iron out the kinks in the diverter volunteer system.

CPC: No report

Public Information: Bill D. Looking for newcomer volunteers for service work to distribute information to various organizations.

Activities: Mindy H. Great Picnic. Looking for place to store some storage bins. JAVA JIVE in SEPTEMBER

Outreach: Ted H. Things are looking up, have lots of groups wanting presentations.

Steering Committee: Harold B. Would like to see some training for EVI reps. Take motions back to groups. Steering Committee members to visit other committee meetings to see how you are doing and answer any questions they may have about EVI.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open position elections:

Office Co-Coordinator: Doug R. 461-3872

CPC Co-Coordinator: Joan M. 942-6159

Diverter Co-Coordinator: Julien X. 520-7408

New Committee, Archives:

Chair Jim G. 689-5052

Co-chair Neil C. 968-0190

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Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard in and around the valley. While not always original, they are shared by local folk at local events. If you hear anything at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

"Jerks are not mythological creatures. They really exist."
Martha S. - Sober Awakening

"It ain't an old habit if you're still doing it."
Angel - Monday Noon Stag

"My first thing to heal up was my ego ... even before my hangover."
Bob L. - Primary Purpose

"9th Step, probably my favorite step ... to be done with!"
George V. - Monday Noon Stag

"I aimed my car at people, places and things."
Gus P. - Sobriety For Life

"My favorite kind of liquor was yours."
John S. - Summerfest

"One day at a time wasn't new to me. Under that bridge, everything was one day at a time."
Anonymous - EVI Office

"You just know that it was God working ... with moral certainty."
Anonymous - Monday Noon Stag

"It made me taller and better looking. It gave me ... hair!"
Bill O. - Primary Purpose

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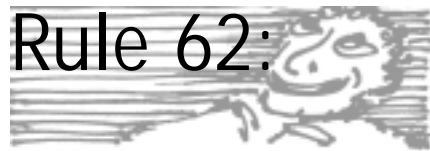
NEW BUSINESS:

Motions: Administrative By-law amendment. Non emergency motions, as determined by body, not affecting AA or EVI Community as a whole. To be tabled and taken back to the groups before final vote. Tabled motions to be posted on EVI Website.

Discussed and tabled to be taken back to groups for discussion and brought back to next business meeting.

Statements from Reps. None

Submitted by Roger H. Secretary



Two guys get off a ship and head for the nearest bar. Each one orders two whiskeys and immediately downs them. They then order two more whiskeys and once again quickly throw them back. They then order another two whiskeys a piece.

One of them picks up one of his drinks and turning to the other man says, "Cheers!"

The other man turns to the first man and asks, "Hey, did you come here to talk or did you come here to drink?"

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests."

"I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a two cases of whiskey."



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- I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community
- I'm feeling grateful, I can send _____ per month
- I will mail or drop off my contribution: Monthly
- Four times a year (\$15 each)
- Once a year (\$60)

Name:

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