

Celebrating Sobriety

To go from despair into joy and laughter is cause enough to light the lights

A statement made and repeated by a million people throughout the world, now as well-known as “open sesame,” goes like this: “My name is _____ and I’m an alcoholic.”

Put a name in the blank, and it becomes a personal statement of celebration. Raised eyebrows may appear at the word “celebration” in connection with alcoholics, but our ability to recognize the disease, change our lives, and accept the term “alcoholic” is indeed a reason for celebration. To go from deep despair into joy and laughter is cause enough to light the lights and dance all night.

The husband or wife of the alcoholic feels like celebrating every time _____ comes home late, but clear of eye, clean of breath, and with a perfectly valid reason for being late. No shifty or bleary eyes, no sweet odor of candy mints, and no weak excuses about making a wrong turn on the interstate and driving 200 miles in the opposite direction from home. A warm feeling of peace is there, and it must be shared over coffee in a very intimate kind of celebration.

As alcoholics, we celebrate every bedtime with thanks to God for another 24 hours of sobriety. Every AA birthday is a celebration.

Modern society has been conditioned to associate “celebrate” and “drink,” to assume you can’t have one without the other. Actually, “to celebrate” means “to observe.” It doesn’t mean “to dance on the grand piano with golf shoes on while balancing a drink on your head.” It means only to observe an occasion, any occasion you want to commemorate.

If you want to see a great celebration, attend an AA convention or conference anywhere, any time. Hear the laughter over coffee and the yelps of joy at seeing someone met earlier in treatment or on a Twelfth Step call or at another conference. Watch the mingling, back-slapping, handshaking, and embracing among people happy and grateful to see one another-sober. Look at the faces of wives, husbands, and children of nonpracticing alcoholics at such events, and ask them whether they have occasion to celebrate.

But trust someone new in sobriety to say wistfully, “I won’t be able to have fun any more.” True, we do give up such fun as hangovers, dissipated looks, blackouts -or worse, ugly memories- guilt, remorse, burned holes in clothing, vomit in cars.

Remembering all that lost “fun,” we have real cause for celebration when we wake up in the morning, after a party, with clear eyes and mind, looking clean, but more important, feeling clean. The smell of fresh-perked coffee gives us a sense of well-being that no morning drink was ever able to produce. Anticipation of the day begins, and then, knowing God is taking care of business, we step out into the world to live the day as whole, adjusted, and sober human beings.

We celebrate every morning as many people celebrate Christmas and New Year’s Day. For us, each day is a new beginning, a new life. So ring out the bells, start the music, and let’s celebrate!

D. H., Harlan, Iowa. *Reprinted from The Grapevine December 1976*



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Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes - November 11, 2002

New:

After Breakfast Group
Mon, Wed, and Friday 9:30-10:30am
2465 Roosevelt Blvd. Townhouse, Eugene
Handicapped access

Sobriety For Life
Friday 5:30-6:30pm
13th & Hilyard. Sacred Heart Hospital
(Auditorium A, NE side, ground floor)
This is in addition to their Saturday
(6:30pm) meeting.

Changed:
Bottom of the Barrel is now **The Bottom
Line Book Study**. They still meet at 1241A
Coburg Road in Eugene, but this is now a
Big Book and 12&12 meeting.

Thursday Men's Book Study is now from 6-
7:30pm. It is a closed men's book study
meeting, and is still held at 18th and
Chambers.

Lane County Jail: Wednesday, 7:50-9:10 pm
- page 29, phone number change for
Brenda K (342-1688).

Canceled:
Tuesday Night Book Study (Springfield)

LCC Main Campus @ 11:30am on Tuesdays
(Eugene)

Freedom From Bondage @ 8am on
Tuesdays (Springfield)

Who Am I Group @ 5:30pm on Fridays
(Eugene)

**NO EVI SPEAKER MEETING
THIS MONTH!**

**NO DISTRICT 19 MEETING
1/1/03**

*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.*

Called to order at 6:30 by Harold B. with Serenity Prayer. Twenty voting representatives present for a quorum.

Committee Reports:

Speaker Meeting: Angel -Excellent job on 11-4-02 Could use help in cleaning up after meetings.

Treasurer: Ryan - Profit/Loss looks good.

Office Coordinator: Bob - Not present, report given by Harold B.

Literature: Michelle - Big Books and Misc. literature on order.

Website: Jessie - Web up to date, need to link to H&I.

Meeting Books: Amanda - There are 800 to 850 mtg. books left.

Newsletter: Teffany - Going great.

Answering Service: Carola - Diverter doing great.

Public Information: Tom - Talking to lots of Schools, Hospitals, and other public Agencies and Organizations. Public Information is in need of volunteers to help out.

C.P.C.: Vicki - Talking to different professional people and getting the word out.

Activities: Mindy - Meeting time FIRST SUN/MONTH 5 P.M. at EVI OFFICE. Check EVI office for activities and announcements.

Outreach: Ted - Talked to four groups and was well received. Groups can contact Outreach for group inservice meetings.

Steering Committee: Harold - Lots of discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions:

Office Co-Chair: Needs to have several of your daytime hours available.

EVI Co-Chair: Fill in until formally voted on at Decembers meeting.

Meeting Books Co-Chair: Helps update meeting books every three months.

Hospitals Co-Chair: Needs to be nominated from H&I Committee—Hospital Experience.

Steering Committee Member At-Large: Just one year of a two year term (2 years sober).

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And For That I Am Responsible

One Tuesday evening while I was taking the diverter calls here in Eugene I got a call from a young man who lived outside of town. Let's call him Ron. He told me he wanted to get sober. I suggested he start by going to A.A. meetings and getting a sponsor. I prayed and said all the stuff you say to one of those calls. Ron told me he was a single father and he had a nine year old son. I mentioned that since there wasn't an active mother in the boys life having a sober father was even more important. That was when Ron told me the boy was spending some time with his grandmother and he, Ron, was thinking seriously about blowing his brains out.

I started praying even harder. Ron sounded like he meant it. I reminded him that he had a child to think of and "think how your son will feel with you gone, too". Ron said he thought the boy would be better off without him for a father. I LOST IT! I know you're probably not supposed to get mad but I did. I loudly said "So! You're going to abandon your son and use a permanent solution to a temporary problem?? You don't have a right to do this to him!! Think how your son will feel. How do you think he will feel when his grandmother brings him home and he walks in and finds your dead body laying there. Is that the memory you want him to have of his father?" I prayed even harder and found myself gentling my voice and apologizing to him for getting angry.

Ron said "That's OK ma'am". I suggested that he go to some meetings and find a sponsor as soon as possible. We talked about an hour more. We talked about many things. His job, his life, my sobriety and my horses. By the time we ended the talk he promised me he wouldn't kill himself. I was scared but I believed him. I hung up and prayed for this young man for a long time.

A few weeks later at my home group a young man approached me during the break. He asked me if I was Doris, and I said yes. He asked me if I was the woman who answered the phone for the AA office and I said yes. He told me his name was Ron and he was the one who had called me. He said "You saved my life". I cried and hugged him.

I still pray for this young man when I think of him. We never know 'what' effect we will have on those whose lives we touch. I only know that when I take calls on the diverter I start praying as soon as the phone rings. Then ... I feel less helpless and I pick up the phone and say "Hello, AA ... may I help you?" And I mean it.

Doris H., Voyager's Group. Springfield

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NEW BUSINESS:

Election held for CTF Chair (Cooperation with Treatment Facilities) Janis B. 935-8833.

EVI Reps check for announcements at EVI office and take them back to your groups for your group announcements.

Elections next month bring potential prospects from your groups.

District Reps please check your Mailboxes at EVI office some of them are quite full.

Submitted by Roger H., Secretary



EVI Office

1259 Willamette
Eugene, OR 97401
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 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

EVI News is a monthly newsletter of the Emerald Valley Intergroup. It is about, by, and for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship. Opinions expressed herein are not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, nor does publication of any article or event or notice imply endorsement by either Alcoholics Anonymous or EVI. (Exceptions: Quotations from A.A. books or pamphlets which are reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.) EVI News is produced to support communication within the fellowship; please respect the anonymity of any A.A. member mentioned herein. EVI News reserves the right to edit any submissions for clarity, length, language, and editorial policy. Contributions gratefully accepted for consideration for publication.

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 periodically. Call and check with Michael at 343-2566 for times.

Contributions: Winter Blahs?

(November/year to date)

- Anonymous/Unknown 0/122.90
- As Bill Sees It 25.00/25.00
- Attitude Adjustment 166.61/1309.12
- Autumn Group 0/135.00
- Brown Bag Group 0/315.00
- Cottage Grove Noon 0/69.00
- Cottage Grove Speaker Mtg 0/34.73
- Courage to Change 84.00/285.00
- District 19 0/50.00
- Downtown AM Group 0/1319.69
- Drop The Rock 0/240.00
- Fireside group 0/60.00
- Fresh Start at Noon 0/100.00
- Friday Night Stag 60.00/210.00
- Get Well Group 0/15.00
- Gratitude Group 0/30.00
- How It Works 74.40/263.40
- McKenzie Bridge Group 60.00/60.00
- McKenzie River Group 0/12.00
- Men's Daily Reflections 0/128.57
- Monday Mens Stag 0/150.00
- Monday Night Beginners 0/3.00
- New Freedom 0/599.00
- New Freedom II 0/620.00
- Primary Purpose 0/1.00
- Recovery By the Big Book 0/30.00
- Recovery By The Steps 0/33.00
- Saturday Morning Steps 0/466.00
- Search For Serenity 0/680.00
- Serenity Seekers West 0/50.00
- Sober Awakenings 360.00/900.00
- Springfield Monday Night 0/18.00
- Stairway to Sobriety 199.00/549.00
- Sunday Morning B.B. 195.72/1005.77
- Sunday Sunshine 0/59.76
- Sunlight of the Spirit 0/130.00
- Sunday Night 12x12 0/45.00
- SW Sunset 0/34.50
- Thursday Men's Book Study 0/60.00
- Try God Group 0/1253.04
- Tuesday Men's Sponsorship 0/50.00
- Tuesday Beginners 0/11.50
- Tuesday Night Book Study 0/105.00
- Veneta Gratitude Group 0/95.39
- We Need Each Other 0/100.00
- Wednesday Mens Noon 0/120.50
- Wednesday Men's Stag 0/480.00
- Who am I Group 0/72.00
- Women's How It Works 0/25.00
- Women's Monday Night 0/20.00
- Womans Road to Recovery 0/60.00
- Total Contributions (month/year to date)
- Group month/ytd 1224.73/12707.97
- Fundraising:**
- Anonymous/Unknown 0/141.67
- Faithful Fivers 48.25/1110.25
- Ind. Contributions/Other 2.50/415.39

When I was asked to write this editorial on the winter blahs, I immediately thought of the recovery blahs -that feeling of *ennui* that some AAs experience somewhere between 5 and 10 years of sobriety- very similar to the feelings that hit in the dark days of winter.

We've been to countless meetings. We've worked the steps. We've completed many inventories. We are of service to others. And yet, sometimes, we think, "*Is this all there is?*"

We have seen fellow members of this same length of sobriety leave the fold, stop going to meetings, and eventually, drink. So, fear keeps us on track. Though life is generally good, serenity on a regular basis eludes us. Our worst character defects still dog us and the aspirations of the Eleventh Step prayer seem only for saints.

We want the serenity and peace of mind that come with 20, 30, or 40 years of sobriety with a fraction of that time.

I'm sure this mood can strike at any time in recovery but, as I near seven years, it hits more often than I would like - maybe it's like the seven-year itch.

Sobriety no longer seems like a daily life or death challenge; I can take this wonderful gift for granted. I don't remember what it was like.

As a true alcoholic, I want more than I have - more than I need and on MY schedule. Do I want to drink? NO! Do I want contented sobriety? YES!

Where would I be now, seven years further into my drinking if I had not plugged the jug? If I were even alive, that life is too awful to contemplate. It was the vision of that downhill slide that provided my moment of clarity.

What do I do to shake the recovery blahs? (I'm sure this will work for the winter blahs as well.)

I practice gratitude. I remember the grace by which I had that moment of clarity. I remember that recovery is too precious a gift to be taken for granted. I heard one member share at a meeting that he tries every day to do something that's fun. What a concept!

I try not to take myself too seriously. I stay close to the program and reach out to my circle of wonderful AA friends. I shake things up by going to a few meetings that I don't regularly attend.

And most of all, I take comfort from the awareness that patient progress is the goal; and as my sponsor often reminds me, STEP 2 is the SOLUTION.

You know, it's been two weeks since I started writing this and, I no longer have the recovery blahs. IT WORKS-IT REALLY WORKS!

Barbara H. Reprinted with permission from *Better Times* (Toronto, Canada), February 2001

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance - that principle is contempt prior to investigation."

Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)



Page 568,
4th edition
Big Book.

December Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 7:00PM
Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
Tue District 33, 6:30PM Pam G. 895-5478
Wed District 19, 5:15PM Jennifer W. 937-1070
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Angel 431-4924
Sat Cooperation w/Prof. Community, Noon
- 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM
Mon Communication Committee, 7:30PM
Wed District 6, 6:30PM Gus P. 463-1691
Sat Answering/Diverter, 9:00AM
- 3rd Mon Public Information, 6:30PM
Wed Activities, 6:30PM
- Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM
Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30PM

Fellowship Events

December 21, 2003, Yakima, Washington, Speaker Meeting, 8-9:30pm. Masonic Center, 510 North Naches Avenue, Yakima, Wa. No Host Dinner at EL Porton is at 5:30pm.

January 5th, 2003, Hilyard Community Center. First Sunday Speaker Meeting - 1:30-3:00pm. Real time captioning for deaf and HoH. FM loop sound - assistive listening devices. Wheel chair accessible. Speaker - Bill B., Eugene, OR.

January 24-26, 2003, Redding, California, 10th Annual Shasta Winterfest. Red Lion Hotel 1(800)733-5466. Registration forms are available at the EVI office, or call Jon at (530)246-0745.

January 24-26, 2003, Yakima, Washington, 14th Annual Yakima Valley Roundup. For more information contact Bryan B. (509)453-7203 or Glen W.(509)452-2744

March 13-16, 2003, Newport, Oregon, Woman To Woman 2003. 20th Annual Oregon Coast Women's Retreat. Registration forms and information is available at the EVI office.



Currently Available Service Positions:

Women Volunteers are especially needed at the EVI office. **EVI Office Volunteers** work a four hour shift, once a week, or every two weeks. Currently we have a very small percentage of women. This is a fun way to get involved and get to know some other AA's in the community. It is recommended that volunteers have 3 months of sobriety. If you are interested, call the EVI office at 342-4113 and leave a message for Bob E.

Other volunteer opportunities: **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.

The following co-chair positions are open: EVI, H&I, Meeting Books and Volunteer Coordinator. These positions take varying time commitments and are great ways to be of service. Contact the committee chairs for more information.

People:

OFFICE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Bob E. (747-2246), Open

ACTIVITIES

Mindy H.(687-9369), Valerie Z.(683-1936)

ANSWERING SERVICE

Carola K.(736-8041), Jana (431-3839)

ARCHIVIST

Linda (345-5827)

COOP. PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY(CPC)

Frank K.(345-7131), Vicky

E.V.I. COMMUNICATIONS:

Michael W. (343-2566)

Newsletter: Tefany H.(746-1438),

John G.(686-5602)

Website: Darren (485-3474), Open

Meeting Books: Elisabeth R.(747-5814),

Open, (Advisor - Amanda W.(988-9656))

E.V.I. SPEAKER MEETING

Angel (439-4924), Mary Jean (485-7854)

LITERATURE

Michelle H.(232-0101), Letha (687-6623)

OUTREACH

Ted H. (338-8380), Annie B. (461-6610)

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Tom S.(686-8388), Dave C. (912-6203)

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)

Chair: Karl B. (688-1047)

karl@rpginvest.com, Larry W. (513-5626)

HOSPITALS

Chair: Steve S. (914-9258)

COOP. TREATMENT FACILITIES(CTF)

Laura K.(345-1788), Janis B. (935-8833)

CORRECTIONS

Chair: Tom R. (465-1832)

H&I Coordinators

Lane County Jail: Brenda K. (342-2688),

Ted H. (338-8380)

C.C.C. (Women's): Kari M. (344-8147)

C.C.C. (Men's): Tom R. (465-1832)

Alma Work Camp: Bud W. (935-8835)

Pathways: Kenny (461-2937)

Serbu Detention: Jack C. (463-1040)

Carlton House: Joe C. (554-3558)

W.F.T.-Friday Night: Janis (935-8833)

W.F.T.-Book Study: Leslie B.(606-5776)

Serenity Lane-Speaker: Cayce (520-5635)

Serenity Lane-B.T.G.: Gus P. (463-1691)

Serenity Lane-Sat. Kurt J.(747-8925)

L.C.P.H.: Todd J. (302-6377)

Johnson Unit: Jill S.(302-1311)

V.A. Meeting: Dennis (607-5127)

E.V.I. STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Harold B. (579-8087)

Vice-Chair: Open

Secretary: Roger H. (688-3641)

Treasurer: Ryan A. (513-6498)

Vice Treasurer: Tom L. (683-7706)

At-Large: Todd (607-6349)

At-Large: Sandi (463-0586)

At-Large: Lori B. (684-8670)

At-Large: Open

BOOKKEEPER Kurt

From Chaos To Tranquility

For 7,900 nights he has thanked his Higher Power for the blessings of sobriety

The miracle of my recovery started before I arrived at my first AA meeting. I met a wise physician in New York on a Sunday morning. As I approached his office, I had every intention of telling the usual lies to cover up and justify my alcoholic escapades. When I sat down, however, he asked, "What brings you here?" To my utter amazement, I heard myself telling him the absolute truth about the previous fifteen years.

It was a lengthy recital, and the doctor listened very patiently until I had said it all. Then he said, "Medical science has done all it can for you. Have you ever heard of Alcoholics Anonymous?" I replied that I had heard of it, and he said, "I suggest that you go there and get sober and stay sober, or you have only about sixty days to live."

I knew that he was telling the truth, and I replied, "I am willing to try."

I had stopped in New York on my way home to Ontario. I reached Sarnia late in the day, and that very evening, I started out in a taxi to look for AA. The first place I went was in darkness, but as I headed back to the cab, I saw a man coming down the street. I recognized him as someone I had known twenty years before as a hopeless, helpless wino. Now he was different - well dressed and smiling. He came over and asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?"

I replied, "Yes. I need help to stop drinking." He told me to pay off the taxi, and then guided me three short blocks to a meeting.

After the meeting, two men offered to take me to a restaurant for coffee. Hungry for friendship, I accepted their invitation. As soon as we were seated, I asked, "Well, fellows, what's the gimmick in AA? When do I start the shots or the pills?" They replied that there is no gimmick and asked whether I could admit that I was an alcoholic. I said, "That's easy; I have been admitting it for years. But where do I go from there?"

They then asked whether I believed in a Higher Power, and I grudgingly admitted there must be some power greater than myself. They said that in AA people start the day with a prayer for help to stay sober for that one day, and give thanks each night for living that day without a drink. I thought that was a nice, simple gimmick; it might help some people, but it would not do anything for me. They just didn't understand the seriousness of my alcohol problem. I pointed out that I was going to be on the street the next day with the price of a drink in my pocket, and the record said I would be drinking.

They didn't insist, but they finally recommended that I try asking for help and not reject the suggestion without giving it a fair trial. We talked on and on, and it was midnight when they delivered me to my mother's home. In parting, they mentioned that if I had time on my hands the next day, I would find a group of AA members in a certain coffee shop.

When I got to my room, it was just after midnight. I thought, "This is the beginning of a new day." And I got down on my knees beside the bed and said my first sincere prayer: "God, help me to keep from taking a drink." Then I fell into bed and, miracle of miracles, slept for nine hours - my first unbroken night's rest without medication in ten years. When I arose, I remembered about the group that would be at the coffee shop, and I went

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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.)

“Believe in God or not, this program can work. It won’t work if you believe you ARE God.”
Jim M. – Mapleton Sunday Stag

“You have to be IN the program, not AROUND it.”
Big John N. – Autumn Group

“If you pray for potatoes, have your hoe in hand.”
Ben F. – Wednesday Night Men’s Stag

All I was concerned with was that a gallon of wine fits in a 50 ft garden hose.”
Fred D. - Friday Night Stag

“How much honesty do I need?” (said when he was a newcomer)
Mick R. – Monday Men’s Noon Stag

“I put my two cents in, but only got a penny for my thoughts.”
Dave – Saturday Night Bell Ringers

“I was grateful and I didn’t know what the lesson was yet!”
Robin O. – Old Time AA

“AA is like eating an elephant ... one bite at a time.”
Nicole S. – Stairway to Sobriety

““AA saved my life” isn’t a pitch ... it’s the truth.”
Steve S. – Monday Men’s Noon Stag



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there. I was made welcome and introduced to all the members, and I had coffee with whitecaps on the top, because I was shaking in every part of my body. The butterflies in my stomach felt like a flock of sparrows.

After three months in AA, I was able to start working; after six months, I had my own business; after nine months, my wife agreed that we should try again; and in twelve months, I had recovered my health. Every night for 7,900 nights, I have given thanks for a day of sobriety and asked my God whether we could try for another sober day.

Like every recovering alcoholic, I have gone through various phases: twelve to twenty-four hours of physical sobriety, six to fifteen months of mental sobriety (the brain dries out, and clarity of thought is achieved); and four to five years of emotional sobriety (growing up, obtaining emotional stability, learning to live). The dividends of sobriety have been beyond my wildest expectations, and the greatest benefit has been watching my son grow from a child of four to a man of twenty-six.

I firmly believe that the Steps are not Twelve Steps up to sobriety, but Twelve Steps down to humility, and among all men I am richly blessed.

R. H. D., Waterloo, Ont. *Reprinted from The Grapevine October 1976*



Overheard mumblings of John Barleycorn:

Thank the stars for the olives or I’d starve to death.

I read about how bad alcohol is, so I gave up reading.

I don’t drink and drive. I might spill.

I was the town drunk ... in New York!

I was baptized with Holy Water and a chaser.

When my spirits get low I use a straw.

I drink to calm myself. Last night I got so calm I couldn’t move!

I drink so much that when I sweat I’m a fire hazard.

I never knew he drank until I saw him sober.

I graduated with a 4.0 blood alcohol level.

Why do I keep getting these hangovers?

I can’t help you because I’d have to put my beer down.



You mean I can't take my bottle with me?

Faithful Fiver Pledge:

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GET THE NEWS!

- 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:

Address:

when you acknowledge my contribution, please list me as (first name, Initial, or nickname):

“Faithful Fivers” are individuals who donate \$5 or more per month to help support Intergroup. We will post your nick name on a board in the office, with a little red dot placed for each months contribution, so you can track of your contribution. (We don’t remind you, or otherwise keep track of it for you, and we will send you a newsletter whether or not you have remembered to send in your pledge.) You can contribute monthly, quarterly or yearly, and if you check the receipt box, and are on the News mailing list, we will send you a receipt at the end of the year. (If you want a receipt, but would like to save EVI postage by picking up the News at the Office, or the EVI Business Meeting, fill out your nickname and address, but write “no news” next to your address.) Our “Faithful Fivers” Program is new this last year, and was a great help. The idea came from an article in the G.S.O. Newsletter “Box 4-5-9 on similar programs at other Intergroups.



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