

What Do I Do Next To Stay Sober?

All right; tonight I'm (hopefully) assuming there's one person in this room who for good reason has been exploring AA lately; someone who has been having trouble with his drinking and to whom the AA message has been carried; who is over the worst of the withdrawal whimwhams and has begun to look around him and wonder what he's getting into. And who has begun to ask questions, like "What is an alcoholic, anyway?" and "What *is* this thing called AA?"

As he thinks about the answers he has received, with his mind made up that there's a pretty good chance he belongs here, naturally at this point he wants to know what he does next in order to put this thing to work for him all the way.

The customary initial suggestions have been made to him, and again I'm assuming that he is following them: meetings, meetings, and more meetings; staying away from one drink one day at a time; using the AA tools- the 24-hour plan, the Slogans, the telephone therapy, the Serenity Prayer.

What our beginner does now is more of the same. These are the things he has done and the tools he has used to keep him sober *today*, thus far, and with us it's always today. I'd like to add one heartfelt recommendation of my own, and that's to do a little realistic thinking along about now, and adopt and latch on to a healthy set of attitudes in relation to the entire situation.

I often quote the politician who with equal facility could either "anticipate with delight" or "view with alarm." Which approach is the beginner bringing to his new life in AA? His choice will make all the difference in how much or how little he gets out of AA above and beyond physical sobriety. The positive attitude in any endeavor is the one that gets results. The negative attitude never gets off the ground - nor, sometimes, does the alcoholic who persists in "viewing with alarm."

The negative approach says, "Poor me. Why me? So I'm sober, *but I don't have to like it.*" The negative type, to be sure, does look around him, but not at the living good examples in an AA meeting. He looks back over his shoulder, out yonder, and thinks: "Joe Bloke can drink and I can't. I'm as good a man as Joe Bloke ever was. It's a damned shame I can't drink like Joe Bloke can. *Who says I can't?* I'll show them!" And he sure does.

The positive approach to AA might go something like this....

Admitted: I have a problem with drinking.

There is a place where I can get help for my problem. That place is AA. I'm a lucky guy (or gal) that there *is* an AA.

AA teaches me that I cannot safely drink, since I am an alcoholic. There are lots of things worse than being an alcoholic. There are many diseases I definitely would not exchange my alcoholism for. Not all of them can be arrested; mine can. I'm lucky I'm *only* an alcoholic. For me there is hope. *I accept.*

I realize I'm giving up nothing that's doing me any good; I'm getting rid of something I can no longer live with, and these people tell me I can very well live without. They will even tell me how to do it.

I have a lot to learn, so I'd better listen good.

I see around me in AA people who are apparently very well adjusted to getting along without drinking. Most of them even seem to prefer it this way.

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AA Meetings: Courage



New: Design For Living. 1550 "S" Street, Springfield, OR. 12&12 Steps and Traditions Meeting. 8-9pm Wednesday evenings.

Changed: No AA Plays Doctor still meets at 938 Jefferson Street on Tuesday nights, but now is from 6-7:30pm. See you then!

Emotional Sobriety now meets from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings (not afternoons!) and is still at the JESCO Club, 340 Blair Blvd.

District 19 Business Meeting, first Wednesday of the month at EVI office, starts at 5:30 pm, and Sandy V. is the DCM.

Canceled: None!

Meetings of Interest: The Franklin Fellowship meets from 7-8pm on Monday nights, and they love to see new, and old, faces! 92072 Territorial Highway, Franklin Christian Church

Topic of interest: Please note that the Oregon Area Website address is www.aa-oregon.org

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!

We have learned courage by trying, and through AA we can channel it into new and beautiful ways

Across the years of sober living in AA, I must have said and heard the words "grant me the courage" several thousand times. Yet only recently did I sit down and figure out exactly what courage means to me.

I had thought about it vaguely in the past. I might picture a soldier charging up a hill into the teeth of enemy gunfire. The idea of physical action overcoming bodily danger was about as far as I ever went in thinking about courage.

It never occurred to me in my drinking days that I did have one kind of courage common to many drunks who slid along their bottoms for some time before floundering into AA. That is, I *kept trying*. I *kept trying* to quit drinking. When a man opens his eyes each morning on a frightening reality and rises through sweaty nausea, his bones rattling and his nerves screaming; when he stumbles through the day like one in a pit of despair, wishing he could die, but refusing to die; when he gets up the next day and does it all over again - well, that takes guts. That takes a kind of real, basic survival courage, a courage that can be put to good use if this man ever finds his way to AA. He's learned his courage the hard way, and when he comes to AA, he'll find ways to use it, new and beautiful ways.

Someone has said that the only difference between a saint and a sinner is that the saint is still trying. The main attribute of courage is *to continue trying*.

One of the greatest examples of continued trying I've ever witnessed happened at an AA participation meeting. There were about a dozen of us present. Each of us spoke around the table until the turn fell to a man who shared with us the news that he had terminal cancer. He'd been given only a few months to live, but he seemed to be at peace, and his voice was underlaid with a great strength. "If these Steps are good enough to live by, they're good enough to die by," he said. "Dying sober, working these Steps, is the greatest thing that can happen to any of us in AA."

During the next few months, he continued attending that meeting and making an effort to work the Steps as he understood them. His manner remained cheerful, even though he suffered almost continuous pain. Clearly, he had made his peace with his God. Then he was confined to bed. A few weeks later, he died - sober. I never even learned his last name, but he left a mighty heritage. He had kept trying. And what else is there to courage except this?

In partnership with my Higher Power, I discover my directions and the way to pursue them. As long as I keep spiritually fit, I can follow my dreams. This is the great promise of AA. Whenever I'm discouraged about my failure to make the progress I think I should be making, whenever I reach the point where I want to throw up my hands in despair, feeling that I'll never be able to change, I remember this man. And then it's all right. I'll never be perfect, so it follows that I simply need to keep on trying. And that's exactly as it should be. The AA *courage to try* got me sober and kept me sober, and anything that can do that has got to be worth living by for the rest of my life.

V. W. C., Long Beach, Calif.

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AA, Step One (a poem)

I'm alright, I can stop.
I can do it whenever I want!
It's my decision to not drink a lot,
Because I know tomorrow, that I will stop!
And then I will be clean and sober,
It won't happen again,
Oh no, my world's starting to spin!
Why can't I stop? Why must I drink?
If there was just a way, I must think, think, think and think.
O.K., so I can't handle this alone,
I need someone to call on the phone.
My life, it's a mess! It's unmanageable too!!!
Now I know what it's like to walk in their shoes.
I want the help that others offer,
I know it will be rough, that I might suffer.
But in the end, it will be worth the fight,
And my life will be filled with a brand new Light!
Because I have taken the first step to recovery,
Step One out of Twelve on my way to be free!

submitted by Lee P., Springfield, OR



The Guy In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,
Who judgement upon you must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

*Dale Wimbrow 1895-1954
American Magazine - 1934*



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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:

(August/year to date)

Anonymous/Unknown 0/10.00
As Bill Sees It 0/25.00
Attitude Adjustment 70.80/1032.07
Autumn Group 0/60.00
Brown Bag Group 75.00/175.00
Caduceus 0/113.00
Cottage Grove Noon 0/10.74
Courage to Change 0/78.00
Downtown AM Group 110.60/880.99
Early Firehouse Group 0/30.00
Freedom of Choice 60.80/356.80
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 60.00/120.00
McKenzie Bridge Group 0/0
Monday Mens Stag 198.76/330.26
Monday Night Beginners 0/0
New Freedom 0/395.50
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Primary Purpose 0/0.50
Recovery By the Big Book 0/0
Recovery By The Steps 0/100.00
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Saturday Morning Steps 0/220.00
Search For Serenity 142.74/675.10
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Stairway to Sobriety 50.00/175.00
Sunday Morning B.B. 0/781.15
Sunday Sunshine 0/185.00
Sunlight of the Spirit 0/50.00
Sunday Night B.B. Study 42.00/42.00
Thurs. Men's Book Study 0/100.00
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0
Try God Group 375.00/911.70
Tuesday Beginners 0/0
Veneta Gratitude Group 0/30.00
Vet's and Friends 0/40.00
We Need Each Other 100.00/100.00
Wednesday Mens Noon 0/0
Wed. Night Men's Stag 100.00/300.00
Women's How It Works 44.00/59.66
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/205.25
Women's Wednesday 0/2.00
Total Contributions (month/year to date)
Group month/ytd 1439.70/9427.94
Contributions/Individual
Anonymous/Unknown 0/152.00
Faithful Fivers 25.00/649.40
Ind. Contributions/Other 7.23/320.53
Total Contributions/Ind. 32.23/1048.99

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They look, fine; they're cheerful, lively, busy, happy. I want some of that, too, along with just merely keeping out I of trouble.

I'll stand on my head at high; noon every day, if they tell me that's what they did to get this thing....

What else can our beginner do now to help along the quality as well as the quantity of his sobriety?

You can "stick with the winners," whose sobriety is the kind you want. Stay away as much as possible - perhaps altogether, for a while, until you're on more solid ground - from old drinking pals who can't be expected to take your present effort as seriously as you do, and whose drinking can set up a resentment in you against your "lot." Resentments can set anyone off again. They're one luxury alcoholics absolutely cannot afford.

Don't push your luck. Meals can be found in coffee shops, telephones in drugstores. There's no valid need to go on patronizing your neighborhood bar for commodities such as these. And don't be afraid you'll miss seeing the "kindred souls" in that bar. They may be our beginners of tomorrow! We who are here tonight are the alumni of many bars; we're your kindred spirits, too. You may even get to like us better this way than as the kind of barroom companions we used to be.

Do you like to read? We have a magazine, the Grapevine, that's delightful. We have books you'll get to love. There is also the "little black book," *24 Hours a Day*; spend five minutes with it every morning - it will start your day out right.

Get busy around the group of your choice. First, of course, *join* a group. Put down roots, so that you'll become known and will be around and available where the activity is. It's true there are no formal "musts" in AA, but you'll find there are any number of "You'll be better off if you do's," and this is one of them.

Count your blessings often. There are more of them than you perhaps realize, already, and they'll increase with every twenty-four hours of sobriety. Count them especially if you should feel a little self-pity or depression creeping in; *force* yourself to see how long your self-pity lasts under that treatment. Counting your blessings will help you stay grateful, and gratitude will help you stay sober.

Never say "Never" to anything that comes along in AA. Say "Not today," if you must, but don't set up blocks in your mind that can later become road-blocks in the path to the kind of sobriety you want. At the same time, keep your expectations simple, and watch your natural impatience. Not *all* of your problems will clear up overnight; they didn't accumulate overnight. Nor is AA going to solve *all* your problems. It can and will take care of your Number One problem, drinking. And indirectly, through your own sobriety, it will *help* you solve the others. But this will take a little time; just remember that, in adding one day's sobriety to another, you're gaining on your other objectives.

As for the horrible past and the remorse that sometimes threatens to swamp you- don't be too hard on yourself. You have been a very sick person; you're just beginning to recover. The Twelve Steps will enable you, when you're ready to tackle them, to do all that needs to be done about that past, so that you can finally *let it go*; until you are strong enough and ready to deal with it, it will keep. Meantime, this is *today*, and *this* is the time in your life that counts - right now.

Bob N., Scarsdale, N.Y.

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September 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.

The newsletter, meeting directories, website, literature, and various other committee heads are rotating out this month, so new co-chairs will be needed to help on these committees. Please come to the EVI business meeting and volunteer to be of service. Little to no experience is needed to help out. Thank you!

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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- 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 13, 2003, Eugene OR. Harold and Joan's Annual AA/Al-Anon Potluck. 6PM to ? at 1487 Goodpasture Island Road. Come see Harold's freshly painted house and other spectacles.

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, Portland, OR. Rose City Round-up. Many AA and Al-Anon Speakers and other fun special events. Call Lennie and Pat Z. at (503)661-4403 for more information. Also, flyers are available at EVI.

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.

February 19-22, 2004, Buffalo NY. 40th Annual International AA Women's Conference. Come for a long weekend of: Workshops, Panels, Alkathon, Tours, Banquets, Meetings, Sobriety Count Down, Entertainment and Fun & Fellowship.



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Emerald Valley Intergroup

Business Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2003

EVI official minutes not available as of this printing. Please forgive any lack of information or misinformation. Official minutes will be available on the Web page when if and when they come in.

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Harold B. with the Serenity Prayer. Some number of 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. Also, various co-chair positions, including newsletter, meeting books, and literature, are coming up for election next month. See office for details.

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. No meeting in September. Still looking for meeting place for October and beyond.

Treasurer: Tom L. Profit / Loss and Prudent reserve in good shape. We are right around where we were this time last year, maybe even a little better.

Office: Bill B. Things are getting done and moving ahead. We now have extended hours until 5:30pm so diverter people have a chance to get home from work.

Copier still acting up occasionally, so copy at your own risk.

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 available.

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

Activities: Mindy H. Java Jive September 6th, call if you want to perform or volunteer.

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

Archives: Jim G. If you know any old timers with stories of "the good old days", have them contact Jim G. or Neil C.

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.

Created, in the truest sense of the word, by Teffany H. outgoing Newsletter chair.

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.)

"I used to sit in the shoe section at meetings - you know, slippers, sneakers, and loafers."

Anonymous - Sober Awakening

"I lived it up in this little town, now it's time to live it down."

Kaman - Friends of BS Campout, Alsea Falls

"There's a difference between God and Santa Claus."

Loren B - Monday Noon Stag

"Why would my Higher Power do MY will?"

Jean C - EVI Office

"It was like getting kicked out of bed from a 20 year nightmare."

George V - Monday Noon Stag

"After entering recovery it was clear that my mind was for entertainment purposes only."

Anonymous - Attitude Adjustment

"In Eugene, I'm almost more reluctant to admit I go to church than AA."

Martha S - EVI Office

"There are only two times when you need to go to a meeting. When you want to, and when you don't want to."

Bob S - Primary Purpose

"Yesterday is a cancelled check, tomorrow is a promissory note, but today is cash!"

Ben F - Wednesday Night Stag

"It's nice getting calls asking what you need instead of what you got."

Garvar - Friday Night Stag

"Religion is for people afraid of hell, spirituality is for those who've been there."

Kelly - Primary Purpose

"A Greek wine that tasted like shellac was as close as I came to NOT finishing a drink."

Melody - Primary Purpose

"I'm not sold on the idea of being an adult."

Kerry, mother of a teenager- Sober Awakenings.

"I hate calling my sponsor. I feel like a telemarketer - 'Hello, this is Joe, and I have a bundle of anxieties to dump in your lap.'"

Joe - Sober Awakening.



A Congressman was once asked about his attitude toward whiskey.

"If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it.

But if you mean the elixir of Christmas cheer, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it.

This is my position, and I will not compromise."



Two guys in a bar are talking about their wives.

"My wife is mad at me again," says the first.

"Why?"

"I was bombed at the bar across the street last night, and she came looking for me."

"What'd you do?"

"I asked her for her phone number."



Many things can be preserved in alcohol. Dignity is not one of them.



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