

Area 46, District 4

June 2020 Newsletter



COVID 19 Virus changes the way we meet

The District web site <http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com> has the latest ZOOM meeting group links.

General Service Office Closure

As a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19), New York State has shut down 100% of operations of "nonessential" businesses/organizations. The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY is closed, effective March 20, 2020, until further notice.

How to contact G.S.O. for more information: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/communication-with-the-general-service-office-gso-of-aa-in-new-york-city

District meetings are beginning to open

The Arid Club is open with social distancing in effect. Please wear a mask if you have one.
AA & Meditation (4:30 Sunday) is held outside Holy Cross Retreat Center. Bring your own lawn chair.
Beginners (7:00 am 7 days) Arid Club and Zoom
Brown Baggers (12:00 7 days) Arid Club and Zoom
Men's Stag (7:30 pm Monday) 10990 Bataan Memorial Hwy. Parking lot meeting
Sober at Sunrise (7:00 am 7 days) 2511 Chaparral. Live and Zoom

For latest up dates go to Area website <http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com>

No matter how unreasonable others may seem, I am responsible for not reacting negatively. Regardless of what is happening around me I will always have the prerogative, and the responsibility, of choosing what happens within me. I am the creator of my own reality. When I review my day, I know that I must stop judging others. If I judge others, I am probably judging myself. Whoever is upsetting me most is my best teacher. I have much to learn from him or her, and in my hearts, I should thank that person.

Bill W.

There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us.

Thank you very much.
Dr. Bob farewell talk July 30, 1950, Cleveland Ohio

Step, Tradition, and Concept of the Month

Step Six	Tradition Six	Concept Six
<p>“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.” “THIS is the Step that separates the men from the boys.</p> <p>So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.’s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults—without any reservations whatever—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.</p> <p>Of course, the often disputed question of whether God can—and will, under certain conditions—remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life.</p>	<p>“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.”</p> <p>Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.</p>	<p>On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.</p>

Arid Club Speaker Meetings

Calender of Birthdays

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Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

Due to the current changing health situation, many AA meetings across the U.S. and Canada are finding it safer to close. To help members during this time, we are giving everyone [free access](#) to all of our 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (The audio to Grapevine stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. We have also included a link to our You tube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information.

To enter, visit:

www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help