

Area 46, District 4 September 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.

District meetings are beginning to open

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

GSO is still closed all staff are working from home!

The Delegates' report from Sundays district meeting showed that GSO income from literature sales is down \$700K and that they drew \$300K from prudent reserves to help cover this short fall.

Remember,

AA is fully self supported by it's membership. GSO research shows that if every member donated \$9.00 a year it would not be dependant on literature sales. Bring this to your groups. It is our responsibility to keep the message flowing.

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life - the one that did not work - for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Bill W.

Dr. Bob's statement on his desk about Humility

Humility is;

"Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me.

"It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble."

Dr Bob, a co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Step, Tradition, and Concept of the Month

Step Eight	Tradition Eight	Concept Eight
<p><i>“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”</i></p> <p>STEPS Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous at-tempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know..</p> <p>This is a very large order. It is a task which we may perform with increasing skill, but never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brother hood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every A.A. has foundthat he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake.</p>	<p>‘Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.’</p> <p>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will never have a pro fessional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words “Freely ye have received, freely give.” We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world’s best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been ex actly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.</p>	<p>The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities:</p> <p>(a)With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs.</p> <p>(b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.</p>

Speaker Meetings		Calender of Birthdays
<p>Saturday speaker meetings are now on Zoom 10:30am (http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com)</p> <p>9/5 Sandhi</p> <p>9/12 Kevin A. (Cal.)</p> <p>9/19 Gary G. (Ruidoso)</p> <p>9/26 Mary P. (KY)</p>		<p>Terry 50 yrs. Sept 25th</p>

Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

AS THE U.S. AND CANADA BEGIN THE CAUTIOUS REOPENING OF COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES, OUR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL AND MAY GRAPEVINE AND JAN/FEB-MAY/JUNE LA VINA ISSUES HAVE REMAINED AVAILABLE AND FREE TO ALL UNTIL JUNE 30TH, 2020.

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