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We are back in action!

Please notify me
with any Info!

Thanks

Carol T.

To The Barrie Intergroup Newsletter

I am a former drunk driver. I'm also an alcoholic. I was convicted of DUI three different times. But I could have been arrested scores of times for DUI since I drove drunk hundreds of times during my drinking career. When you want advice about jewel theft, the best place to get it is the former jewel thief. Likewise, the best place to seek remedies fro drunk driving is to ask a former drunk driver. So, here goes.

I'm always disgusted by the fact that our courts don't address alcoholism more aggressively, particularly when confronted with the drunk driver. Surely judges must know that the likelihood of a drunk driver being an alcoholic is 90% probable. The disease of alcoholism must be arrested along with the drunk driver! That's the key to the epidemic of drunk driving on our streets and highways. Somehow our courts shy away from this. Maybe it's the Charter that chills our judges. Maybe it's a failure to recognize the grim reality of alcoholism. How many more innocent people must die because of the few organizations to come to grips with alcoholism. That's why I'm a proud member of A.A.. By writing this, it is to me one of the ways I'm practicing Steps 8 and 9. I am trying to make amends for my drunk driving. I was one of the lucky ones. No one was maimed or killed by my drunk driving. But for the Grace of God!

Gord K., Cookstown Group

PRAYERS OF STEPS 1, 2, & 3

1ST STEP

God, Creative Intelligence, Universal Mind, Spirit of Nature or Spirit of the Universe my name is _____, And I'm a real alcoholic and I need your help today. (pg.. 10-2, 46, & Chp. 3 BB)

2nd STEP

God, I'm standing at the turning point right now. Give me your protection and care as I abandon myself to you and give up my old ways and my old ideas just for today. AMEN (p. 59 BB)

3rd STEP

"God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!" (p. 63 BB)
God, Take my will and my life. Guide me in my recovery. Show me how to live.
AMEN

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2007

Name	Anniversary	Sober Date	To Be Celebrated	Meeting
Doug M.	35 Years	5 May	28 May	Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Phil W.	9 Years	10 May		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Ben R.	1 Year	16 May		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Ellie T.	25 Years	8 May	30 May	Wednesday Fellowship Group
Greg F.	3 Years	30 May		Wednesday Fellowship Group
Doug M.	35 Years	5 May	28 May	Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud

June 2007

Name	Anniversary	Sober Date	To Be Celebrated	Meeting
Art C.	40 Years	31 May	27 June	Wednesday Fellowship Group
Cindy S.	1 Year	16 June		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud

July 2007

Name	Anniversary	Sober Date	To Be Celebrated	Meeting
Peter D.	5 Years	1 July		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Dave G.	7 Years	13 July		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Roman T.	2 Years	15 July		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Marilyn T.	8 Years	29 July		Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud



Happy Birthday to those celebrating milestones of sobriety... those 24hrs add up!



Tradition Five

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose*—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers



Barrie A.A. Central Office Twelve Step Work

April 2007

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AA MORNINGS

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while.

What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind. Being still inexperienced and having just made conscious contact with God, it is not probable that we are going to be inspired at all times. We might pay for this presumption in all sorts of absurd actions and ideas. Nevertheless, we find that our thinking will, as time passes, be more and more on the plane of inspiration. We come to rely upon it.

We usually conclude the period of meditation with a prayer that we be shown all through the day what our next step is to be, that we be given whatever we need to take care of such problems. We ask especially for freedom from self-will, and are careful to make no request for ourselves only. We may ask for ourselves, however, if others will be helped. We are careful never to pray for our own selfish ends. Many of us have wasted a lot of time doing that and it doesn't work. You can easily see why.

If circumstances warrant, we ask our wives or friends to join us in morning meditation. If we belong to a religious denomination which requires a definite morning devotion, we attend to that also. If not members of religious bodies, we sometimes select and memorize a few set prayers which emphasize the principles we have been discussing. There are many helpful books also. Suggestions about these may be obtained from one's priest, minister, or rabbi. Be quick to see where religious people are right. Make use of what they offer.

As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action. We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day "Thy will be done." We are then in much less danger of excitement, fear, anger, worry, self-pity, or foolish decisions. We become much more efficient. We do not tire so easily, for we are not burning up energy foolishly as we did when we were trying to arrange life to suit ourselves.

It works - it really does.

We alcoholics are undisciplined. So we let God discipline us in the simple way we have just outlined. But this is not all. There is action and more action. "Faith without works is dead." (from "Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 86-88)

(A QUICK NOTE— sometime between the 10th printing in 1971 and the 29th printing in 1985, the "12 & 12" was retypeset so the page numbers are no longer the same. My copy of this pamphlet has page numbers coinciding with the 10th printing. That kinda indicates how long it has been floating around the fellowship. included are both sets of page numbers here for the sake of accuracy.)

Attention all men serious about their program.

The "Get a Grip" men's group is a meeting for those men that want to hear what they need to hear. This Big Book discussion has a loose format that is honest and to the point. It's no B.S. approach is sure to enhance your program and keep you sober. This group meets every Tuesday at 7 pm at 105 Collier St. in Barrie.

**"God does what is Impossible --
After I've done what is Possible."**

**"WHEN EASY DOES IT --
SOMETIMES, IT'S ONLY HALF DONE!"**

12 Steps I Took

I took one step, began to moan
 I can't do this on my own
 I took two steps, began to pray
 Restore me God, today
 I took three steps, gave up my will
 maybe God loves me still
 I took a fourth, I looked inside
 Nothing more would I hide
 And on the fifth, I said aloud
 I've done some wrong, and I'm not proud
 I took six steps, and got prepared
 To lose the defects, I was scared
 Now I'm at seven, take them away
 God for this I pray
 And on eight, the list was long
 Amends to make for all the wrong
 I took nine steps, put down my pride,
 Forgiveness asked, I will not hide
 Ten steps I take each day
 I pray make amends along the way
 And on eleven I prayed to know
 Each day His will, which way to go
 I took twelve steps, I'm like a bird
 To others now, I spread the word....

This poem was written anonymously

Mark Your Calendar

The Usual Suspects

First Annual 12 Step Weekend

Red Pine Motor Inn & Convention Centre,
 497 Victoria Street East, Alliston
 11, 12, 13 May 2007

**Georgian Bay South - District 8
 District Committee Meeting**

Sunday, May 13th, 2007 at 1:30 pm
 *[St. George's Church](#)
 Burton & Granville Street, Barrie

Hamilton One Day Spring Fling

St. Margaret Mary School
 25 Brentwood Dr, Hamilton
 19 May 2007

Registration - 7:30 Start - 9:00

Dinner - 5:30

\$20.00 per ticket

includes meetings & dinner

Barrie & Area Intergroup Meeting

Friday, June 8th, 2007 at 7:00 pm
 *[Central United Church](#)
 54 Ross Street, Barrie

**Georgian Bay South - District 8
 District Committee Meeting**

Sunday, June 10th, 2007 at 1:30 pm
 *[St. George's Church](#)
 Burton & Granville Street, Barrie

Founders' Day

Akron, Ohio
 8, 9 & 10 June 2007

Ontario South Al-Anon Alateen

Trillium 2007

Celebrating Our Recovery

Doubletree International Plaza Hotel
 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario
 22, 23, 24 June 2007

Hamilton and Districts A.A.

39th Annual Autumn Leaf Roundup

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel
 14, 15, 16 September 2007

Check the web:

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for a detailed listing of events