



20th Edition July 2024

AAversaries!

5 Years Farmer Ed Monday Night Tiffin Group

CONGRATULATIONS To All Those With July Sobriety Anniversary Dates!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION If you want your sobriety birthday featured in our future newsletter, there are simple rules: Years only, 1st name, last initial, home group. To iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com by 15th of the month. If you want to receive this newsletter, send an email to iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com.

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT.

A drunk and a giraffe walk into a bar. Finally the giraffe dies, and the drunk starts to walk out of the bar, The bartender says, "You can't leave without paying for the one lyin' there!" The drunk says, "That's not a lion, dufus, that's a giraffe!"



Little known fact:
Before the crowbar
was invented,
Crows drank at home.

A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God's Grace."-Bill W. "Last Talk"

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Tradition Seven - The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. 2 Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Long Form. An Article by Bill W.

Self-supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing?! Yet we find that's what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that AA has wrought in all of us. Everybody knows that active alcoholics scream that they have no troubles money can't cure. Always, we've had our hands out. Time out of mind we've been dependent upon somebody, usually money-wise. When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills, that's really news.

Probably no AA tradition had the labor pains this one did. In early times we were all broke. When you add to this the habitual supposition that people ought to give money to alcoholics trying to stay sober, it can be understood why we thought we deserved a pile of folding money. What great things AA would be able to do with it! But oddly enough, people who had money thought otherwise. They figured that----sober----it was high time we now paid our own way. So our fellowship stayed poor because it had to.

There was another reason for our collective poverty. It was soon apparent that while alcoholics would spend lavishly on Twelfth Step cases, they had a terrific aversion to dropping money into a meeting-place hat for group purposes. We were astounded to find that we were as tight as the bark on a tree. So AA, the movement, started and stayed broke, while its individual members waxed prosperous.

Alcoholics are certainly all-or-nothing people. Our reactions to money prove this. As AA emerged from its infancy into adolescence, we swung from the idea we needed vast sums of money to the notion that AA shouldn't have any. On every lip were the words, "You can't mix AA and money. We shall have to separate the spiritual from the material." We took this violent new tack because here and there members had tried to make money out of their AA connections, and we feared we'd be exploited. Now and then, grateful benefactors had endowed clubhouses, and as a result there was sometimes outside interference in our affairs. We had been presented with a hospital, and almost immediately the donor's son became its principal patient and would-be manager. One AA group was given \$5,000 to do with what it would. The hassle over that chunk of money played havoc for years. Frightened by these complications, some groups refused to have a cent in their treasuries.

Despite these misgivings, we had to recognize the fact that AA had to function. Meeting places cost something. To save whole areas from turmoil, small offices had to be set up, telephones installed, and a few full-time secretaries hired. Over many protests, these things were accomplished. We saw that if they weren't, the man coming in the door couldn't get a break. These simple services would require small sums of money which we could and would pay ourselves. At last the pendulum stopped swinging and pointed straight at Tradition Seven as it reads today.

In this connection, Bill likes to tell the following pointed story. He explains that when Jack Alexander's SATEVEPOST piece broke in 1941, thousands of frantic letters from distraught alcoholics and their families hit the Foundation's letterbox in New York. "Our office staff," he says, "consisted of two people; one devoted secretary and myself. How could this landslide of appeals be met? We'd have to have some more full-time help, that was sure. So we asked the AA groups for voluntary contributions. Would they send us a dollar a member a year? Otherwise this heartbreaking mail would have to go unanswered.

"To my surprise, the response of the groups was slow. I got mighty sore about it. Looking at this avalanche of mail one morning at the office, I paced up and down ranting how irresponsible and tightwad my fellow-

members were. Just then an old acquaintance stuck a tousled and aching head in the door. He was our prize slippee. I could see he had an awful hangover. Remembering some of my own, my heart filled with pity. I motioned him to my inside cubicle and produced a five-dollar bill. As my total income was \$30 a week at the time, this was a fairly large donation. Lois really needed the money for groceries, but that didn't stop me. The intense relief on my friend's face warmed my heart. I felt especially virtuous as I thought of all the ex-drunks who wouldn't even send the Foundation a dollar apiece, and here I was gladly making a five-dollar investment to fix a hangover.

"The meeting that night was at New York's old 24th Street Clubhouse. During the intermission the treasurer gave a timid talk on how broke the Club was. (That was in the period when you couldn't mix money and AA). But finally he said it----the landlord would put us out if we didn't pay up." He concluded his remarks by saying, "Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?"

I heard all this quite plainly, as I was piously trying to convert a newcomer who sat next to me. The hat came in my direction and I reached into my pocket. Still working on my prospect, I fumbled and came up with a fifty-cent piece. Somehow it looked like a very big coin. Hastily I dropped it back and fished out a dime, which clinked thinly as I dropped it in the hat. Hats never got folding money in those days.

"Then I woke up. I who had boasted my generosity that morning was treating my own club worse than the distant alcoholics who had forgotten to send the Foundation their dollars. I realized that my five-dollar gift to the slippee was an ego-feeding proposition, bad for him and bad for me. There *was* a place in AA where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!"

There is another story about money. One night in 1948, the trustees of the Foundation were having their quarterly meeting. The agenda discussion included a very important question. A certain lady had died. When her will was read, it was discovered she had left Alcoholics Anonymous in trust with the Alcoholic Foundation a sum of \$10,000. The question was, should AA take the gift?

What a debate we had on that one! The Foundation was really hard up just then; the groups weren't sending in enough for the support of the office, we had been tossing in all the book income and even that hadn't been enough. The reserve was melting like snow in springtime. We needed that \$10,000. "Maybe," some said, "the groups will never fully support the office. We can't let it shut down, it's far too vital. Yes, let's take the money. Let's take all such donations in the future. We're going to need them."

Then came the opposition. They pointed out that the Foundation board already knew of a total of half a million dollars set aside for AA in the wills of people still alive. Heaven only knew how much there was we hadn't heard about. If outside donations weren't declined, absolutely cut off, then the Foundation would one day become rich. Moreover, at the slightest intimation to the general public from our trustees that we needed money, we could become immensely rich. Compared to this prospect, the \$10,000 under consideration wasn't much, but like the alcoholic's first drink it would, if taken, inevitably set up a disastrous chain reaction. Where would that land us? Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune, and if the AA Foundation obtained money from outside sources, its trustees might be tempted to run things without reference to the wishes of AA as a whole. Relieved of responsibility, every alcoholic would shrug and say, "Oh, the Foundation is wealthy----why should I bother?" The pressure of that fat treasury would surely tempt the board to invent all kinds of schemes to do good with such funds, and so divert AA from its primary purpose. The moment that happened our fellowship's confidence would be shaken. The board would be isolated, and would fall under heavy attack of criticism from both AA and the public. These were the possibilities, pro and con.

Then our trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy. Difficult as it was, they officially declined that \$10,000, and adopted a formal, airtight resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition.

When these facts were printed, there was a profound reaction. To people familiar with endless drives for charitable funds, AA presented a strange and refreshing spectacle. Approving editorials here and abroad

generated a wave of confidence in the integrity of Alcoholics Anonymous. They pointed out that the irresponsible had become responsible, and that by making financial independence part of its tradition, Alcoholics Anonymous had revived an ideal that its era had almost forgotten.

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An Announcement from Area 24 Delegate, Julie S

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to send this out as a report following the Spring Conference.

The West Central Regional Host Guide is attached here and is also in the Area 24 Dropbox Folder "West Central Regional AA Service Concern and Forum Information"

Area 24 will Host the WCR Service Conference in 2026 on the weekend that includes the day of March which falls on the weekend. The committee generally meets for 13 months before the Conference. The Area 24 Delegate will choose the site and perform other roles outlined in the Host Guide.

Now is a great time to talk with your Districts about this opportunity. Airport availability is one consideration. Districts that border our other WCR areas is also a benefit for those who drive to Conferences. no matter where, if there is a willingness, please review the host guide, and know that you will have the experiences of the recent Host Committees to assist you.

In discussion with previous Host Area Delegates, I will announce this again at the Spring Conference and select a site by the first of August, which will give the Host 18 months to prepare. Please let me know if YOUR District may have an interest in this amazing regional event!

Yours in love and service,

Julie S

Area 24 Delegate

Panel 73

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[WCRAASC Host Guide 2023 Download](#)

New Pink Can Contributions Address!!

AREA 24
PO Box 1291
Des Moines, Iowa 50305

Please make checks out to "Iowa Area Assembly" and note "Pink Can" on the memo line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Iowa City Intergroup meets online on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am. Zoom ID 810 0506 4290 Passcode WILSON.

District 13 Meeting will be held **Sunday, July 28th**, 2:30 704 South Houser, Muscatine IA. We normally meet on the 4th Sunday of the month alternating between Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City and 704 S. Houser, Muscatine. **All are welcome.**

Area 24 2024 Fall Conference October 11-14, 2024, at Abu-Bekr Shriners 820 Nebraska St., Sioux City, IA. See the flyer included in this newsletter. This is a Voting Conference!

FYI: Area 24 (the State of Iowa) has a newsletter that comes out 5 times a year. If you would like to receive access to it, contact Area24.Newsletter@aa-iowa.org. It is available to all AA members, and you are an AA member if you say you are.



"Your future needs you. Your past doesn't" - Unknown

27TH NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP 24 Hours a Day: Then & Now

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024



DES MOINES

SCOTTISH RITE CONSISTORY – DES MOINES, IA
519 Park Street, Des Moines, IA

*A Most Interesting and Informative Event
Wonderful Workshops! Fabulous Presentations! Amazing Speakers!
Local Tour of Historic AA Club*

Online Registration: <https://naaaw-2024.cheddarup.com>

Area 24: <https://www.aa-iowa.org/event/national-alcoholics-anonymous-archives-workshop-naaaw/>

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VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Iowa City Young People's Group 7th Anniversary Party

Saturday

July 27th, 2024

6:30 pm: Set up

7:00 pm: Food

8:00 pm: Speaker

9:00 pm: Fellowship @ DQ

Pizza and
drinks will
be provided!

All 7th tradition donations will go to GSO.

Friday Night Women's Group
wants to invite you to...

PICNIC In The Park



McPherson Park

1858 7th Ave Court

August 18th, 11:30, Speakers @ 2:30

Hotdogs and lemonade provided.
Bring a dish to share!
Venmo Donations welcome!

Family Friendly Event!

Childcare provided during
the speaker!



RECOVERY GROUP



OCTOBER 5, 2024

FELLOWSHIP | CHRIS R. - INGRAM, TEXAS | FEAST

34TH ANNIVERSARY

513 SYCAMORE ST. | MUSCATINE, IOWA | 6:00 PM

AAMUSCATINE.COM

Hosted by District 1

2024 Area 24

FALL CONFERENCE

“More will be revealed”



October 11-13, 2024

Abu Bekr Shriners
820 Nebraska St
Sioux City, IA 51101

\$18 Pre-Registration (due by Sept 20) \$21 At Door
MEALS: Luncheon: Pre-Reg \$12/At Door \$15, Banquet: Pre-Reg \$20/At Door \$25,
Vegetarian: \$12
*300 meals available for each, Banquet and Luncheon * Limited # of meals available at door

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 11

6:45-7:45pm Officer and Chairing Sharing Session
8:00-9:30pm Sharing Sessions DCM, GSR and Area Officers
9:45-11:15pm Workshops- Archives, Corrections, Newsletter, and PI

Saturday, October 12

7:15-8:15am Early Bird AA meeting
8:30-11:15am Area Business Meeting

11:30-1:30pm Luncheon— Al-Anon Speaker: Jean L. (Dubuque, IA) and Alateen speaker
1:45-5:30pm Area Business Meeting
6:30pm Banquet, AA Speaker: John E. (Omaha NE) and entertainment
9:30-11:00pm Workshops— CPC, Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment

11:15-12:15am Candlelight Meeting

Sunday, October 13

6:45-7:45am Early Bird Meeting
8:00-9:00am For conference committee to decide
9:15-10:15am Past Delegate—“Ask It Basket”
9:15-10:15am Area Officers and Chairs transition meeting
10:30-11:30am AA Spiritual Speaker

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://more-will-be-revealed.cheddarup.com>

Area 24 Fall Conference 2024 Pre-Registration Due by Sept 20

Name: _____

Check one: AA___ Al-Anon___ Alateen___

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Adults	\$18 Pre-Reg	At Door \$21	
Alateen	\$5		
Pre-Reg Meal	Sat. Lunch \$12	Dinner Banquet \$20	Veg. Meal \$12
At Door Meal	Sat. Lunch \$15	Dinner Banquet \$25	Veg. Meal \$12
TOTAL			

CHECK BOX (Due by Sept 1)

- Spanish interpreter
- ASL interpreter

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Area 24 Fall Conference 2024 and mail to: PO Box 351 Sioux City, IA 51102

* Alateen must present Iowa Consent & Release Form at the Registration Table for Admission to the Conference

Pre-Registration due by September 20, 2024

LODGING—

Call and ask for the "Area 24 Fall Conference" rates. Must reserve hotel room by Sept 11, 2024 to get rate. *Taxes are 13.65% in IA.*

Avid

101 Court St
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712) 522-3640
Total Rms. avail.-31
Kings—\$100 + tax
Double Queen-\$110 + tax

Court Yard Marriott

901 4th St
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712) 202-2700
Total Rms. Avail.—25
King \$129 +tax
Double Queen \$139 +tax

Stoney Creek

300 3rd St
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712)234-1100
Total Rms. avail.—25
King \$155 +tax
Double Queen \$155

Holiday Express

4723 So. Hills Dr.
Sioux City, IA 51106
(712) 274-0100
15 Double Queens
5 Kings
\$124.99 + tax

So. Sioux City Marriott

Riverfront

385 E 4th St
So. Sioux City, NE 68776
(402) 494-4000
15 Double Queen
10 Kings
\$149 + 22% tax

Comfort Inn

4202 S. Lakeport
Sioux City, IA 51106
(712)274-1300
25 Double Queens
\$94 + tax

Hampton Inn

5555 Sergeant Rd
Sioux City, IA 51106
30 Rooms available
(712) 587-6984
King \$124 + tax
Double Queen \$124 + tax
**Discount cutoff date 10/1/24*

The Warrior Hotel

525 6th St.
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712) 317-1011
10 Rooms available
Kings \$164 +tax
Double Queen \$174 + tax
**Discount cutoff date 9/13/24*

PARKING

- ⇒ Parking Lot on Site South of building "Reserved for those with Impaired mobility" enter on 8th St between Neb St & Jackson St.
- ⇒ Parking Lot ACROSS, west of Building
- ⇒ Street parking along Nebraska St.

REGISTER ONLINE USING QR CODE



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Spanish speaking interpreters and ASL interpreters are available UPON request on registration form, due by Sept 1.