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TRADITION THREE- SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE MEMBERSHIP

"THE FALLEN WOMAN, THE QUEER CHAP & THE ATHEIST"

Understanding and practicing the spiritual principles behind The Traditions are as necessary as understanding and practicing the spiritual principles behind The Steps. **Tradition Three:** *The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.* This Tradition is packed with meaning. You can declare yourself in, and no one can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you have gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications, no matter your crimes. Experience has taught us that to take away any alcoholic's full chance was sometimes to pronounce a death sentence and condemn them to endless misery. To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early times nothing seemed so fragile as an AA group. The following are three stories that may shed some light on why Tradition Three is an integral part of AAs Legacy. The first story is about what they used to call the **"Fallen Woman."** Irma Livoni was an AA member, in Los Angeles, her sponsor was Sybil Corbin. Irma became a member in 1941, just after Sybil. Sybil took her into her home for she had nothing and burned all her bridges with family and friends. Back then alcoholic women were looked down on more so than the male alcoholic. Sybil watched AA help Irma get sober, watched AA help Irma get cleaned up, watched AA help Irma get her first job in sobriety, and watched AA help Irma get her first apartment in sobriety. Then on Dec. 5th, 1941, a self-appointed group of the members signed a letter to Irma and mailed it on that Friday, Dec 5th, two days before Pearl Harbor. In the letter they stated *"your attendance at group meetings was no longer desired until certain explanations and plans for the future were made to the satisfaction of this committee. This action has been taken for reasons which should be most apparent to yourself. It was decided that, should you so desire, you may appear before members of this committee and state your attitude. This opportunity will be afforded you between now and December 15th, 1941. You may communicate with us at the above address by that date. In case you do not wish to appear, we shall consider the matter closed and that your membership is terminated."*

Imagine the day Irma received the letter, Los Angeles was totally blacked out because there was a real fear that the Japanese would bomb LA. She's all alone, it's Christmas time, seemingly the end of the world, and the only group that had offered any hope just kicked her out. Irma went to the roof of her building and jumped to her death. Irma's sponsor, Sybil, wrote to Bill W about the incident. No one knows to what extent Bill W. was referring to Irma Livoni when he wrote the Twelve Traditions ten years later, but the phrases seem to apply: *"... experience taught us that to take away any alcoholic's full chance was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence, and often to condemn him to endless misery. Who dared to be judge, jury and executioner of his own sick brother?"*

Barry L.'s experience **"The Queer Chap"** also impacted change and the need for diversity, and inclusion in the early days of AA. One day, in the early days of AA, a newcomer knocked on the door of the old clubhouse in Manhattan and asked to be let in. He talked with the oldest member and proved he was a desperate case. Barry (the newcomer) stated to the oldest member: *"I just came out of prison, and I am a dope fiend, I am also an alcoholic and I need help desperately."* *"Will you let me join your group?"* In addition to being an alcoholic, Barry was a cross dressing, bleached blonde-black woman (man), ex-con, and heroin addict. At that time in New York there were no black members, transgenders or victims of other addictions. A few black people came into the early meetings and although members tried to befriend and talk to them, they usually did not stay with us. No one knew what to do, this was a new experience for everyone. One woman, one marvelous woman sat and talked with Barry for a long time, but no one knew where to start. How do you start helping somebody like this with so many problems? None of those people could give an answer. So, they called the one person that had been sober longest, they called Bill W. Bill asked **"Is [she] an alcoholic?"** They answered: *"Oh yes we can all tell that right off the bat, we could tell!"* Bill said: **"I think that's the only question we ask, it's up to us to help."** He added: **"What would the Master do?"** Not another word was said. Barry, the newcomer, plunged into 12 Step Work. He tirelessly carried AA's message to scores of people, who in turn carried the message to thousands of others and so on.

CONT'D "THE FALLEN WOMAN, THE QUEER CHAP & THE ATHEIST"

He never troubled anyone with his other difficulties (singleness purpose), AA had taken the first step in the formation of Tradition Three. Back in the early days of AA to have meetings with such vast differences between members was unheard of. Before the Traditions, groups had rules of their own as to who could be a member of AA. These so called "protective" rules resolved to admit nobody to AA, but the hypothetical class of people termed "pure alcoholics." Early members, driven by fear and anxiety, wanted no other complications. So homeless, criminals, mentally ill, merely plain crackpots and fallen women were definitely out. How wonderful it is to see the spiritual wisdom and **spirit of inclusion** that Bill W. knew would help alcoholics the best. This is such a beautiful aspect of our fellowship. No matter who you are, where you have been or where you are going, the door is always open if any **alcoholic** is looking for help.

The third story is about a member they called Ed. Ed was a power driver, a brash salesman and an atheist. He was obsessed with the idea that AA could get along better without all its "God nonsense." He would brow beat everybody about the "God Stuff" and said it was a lot of malarky for weak folks and his group didn't need it. Group members were outraged by his behaviors. The group elders pulled him aside and firmly told him he couldn't talk like that, and he'd have to cut it out or leave the group. He happily pointed out the foreword to the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous "the only requirement is a desire to stop drinking." Much to their dismay the elders knew they couldn't throw Ed out of AA. So, Ed not only stayed, he stayed sober month after month. The longer he stayed dry the louder he talked against God. The group was in such anguish that their charity vanished. In time Ed got a sales job that took him out of town. In a matter of a few days he had run out of money and was calling his group members for help. The members decided to let him try it himself, they thought perhaps he would learn a lesson. A couple of weeks later, one night Ed stole into a members home, unknown to the member and his family, and went to bed. While the member and a friend were having morning coffee, Ed appeared. With a quizzical smile on his lips he asked "Have you fellows had your morning meditation?" They sensed his sincerity as he shared his story of the previous few weeks. Ed told of how he was held up in a cheap hotel and all his pleas for help had been rebuffed. He felt deserted by his fellows and that this was his end and there was nothing left. As he tossed and turned on his bed, he noticed the Gideon Bible on the bureau and opened it up. Ed never elaborated any more of what he saw and felt in that hotel room. It was the year 1938 and he never drank again. When the groups members reflect back they ask themselves: "What if we had actually succeeded in throwing Ed out for blasphemy? What would have happened to him and all the others he later helped?"

So the hand of Providence, early on, gave us a sign that any **alcoholic** is

Short Form: "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Long Form: "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

TRADITION THREE INVENTORY

(The foundation of this inventory is from the A.A. Tradition's Checklist first published in the [A.A. Grapevine](#))

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudice some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if they can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what they do for a living? Where they live? What their domestic arrangements are? Whether they had been to AA before? What their other problems are?

TRADITION THREE EXPERIENCE

As Bill Sees It

Any number of alcoholics are bedeviled by the dire conviction that if ever they go near A.A. they will be pressured to conform to some particular brand of faith or theology.

They just don't realize that faith is never an imperative for A.A. membership; that sobriety can be achieved with an easily acceptable minimum of it, and that our concepts of a Higher Power and God—as we understand Him—afford everyone a nearly unlimited choice of spiritual belief and action.
-AA World Services

Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers

Most A.A.'s simply wanted to get people into the program, rather than keep them out. This might mean overcoming inbred prejudices and crossing social, religious, racial, and national boundaries in order to carry the message of recovery to anyone, anywhere, who needed help. It also meant doing the very same things in order to accept help. And if A.A. as a fellowship never had any greater achievement, it could say that most members have done more than pay lip service to this idea.

- AA World Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GRATITUDE



SPIRIT OF THE PINES

APRIL 26, 27 & 28

Lutheran Memorial Camp
"Insanity of the Jaywalker"

\$145 per person

(Lodging and Meals included)

For more information contact:

Scott H. 440-213-8820

SHARING OUR SOBRIETY

St. Francis Cabrini

March 10th 3 p.m.

Speaker: Don F.

Fellowship/Food/Door Prizes

Covered dishes are welcomed!



SPAN-AM

St. John Ukrainian Church

MARCH SPEAKERS

7:30 p.m.

3/1 Tom F.

3/8 Tom S.

3/15 Brenda S.

3/22 Jessica M.

3/29 Doug Z.

*Naaman T. passed on Feb 17th.
He was a blessing to the fellowship and
helped many on their AA journey!.*

12 Step Recovery Linkages

Al-Anon al-anon.org

(440) 277-6969

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

brsna.com (888)-438-4673



3/4 Brenda H. 26 yrs.

3/10 Angel L. 16 yrs.

3/14 Al D. 8 yrs.

3/15 Tim C. 40 yrs.

3/15 Sam C. 40 yrs.

3/17 Warren B. 31 yrs.

3/17 Mike S. 40 yrs.

3/18 Raul T. 6 yrs.

3/20 Kim S. 20 yrs.

3/20 John P. 42 yrs.

3/20 Sarah W. 5 yrs.

3/21 Chris P. 42 yrs.

3/21 Eric C. 13 yrs.

3/23 Scott B. 13 yrs.

3/24 Bob K. 40 yrs.

3/25 Denton W. 2 yrs.

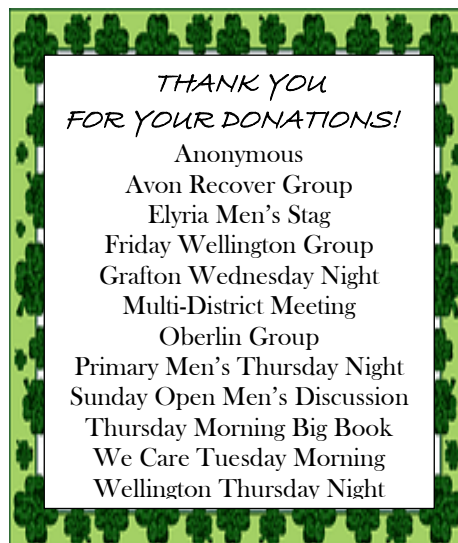
3/29 Chris . 18 yrs.

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*THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATIONS!*

Anonymous

Avon Recover Group

Elyria Men's Stag

Friday Wellington Group

Grafton Wednesday Night

Multi-District Meeting

Oberlin Group

Primary Men's Thursday Night

Sunday Open Men's Discussion

Thursday Morning Big Book

We Care Tuesday Morning

Wellington Thursday Night

15TH ANNUAL

CABIN FEVER STEAK FRY

Sunday March 24th Noon to 5 pm

Leota Bettcher Hall

Donation \$25

Raffles, Door Prizes, Fellowship

Contact Art C. @ 440-773-9474

(for more Information or tickets)

TIME CHANGE!!

NORTH RIDGEVILLE 1st STEP GROUP

Starting March 5th

Meeting begins at 8 pm

First Congregational Church of Christ

36363 Center Ridge Road, NorthRidgeville



"WHO ME"

43RD ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 5TH

Doors open at 6:30 p. Food at 7 p.

Speaker Desmond C.

Pizza Provided Covered Dishes Welcome!

ANNUAL STEP DAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

FREE EVENT

7th Tradition Observed

Christ Church

23080 Royalton Road, Columbia Station

Doors Open 8 a. Program 8:30 a. – 4 p.m.

Coffee, Donuts & Hot Lunch Provided

MUST register at aaneohio.org

NCOAAI INTERGROUP

2024 WORKSHOP (Free)

"THE FUNDAMMENTALS OF AA"

Presenters: Kent C. Carol L. John R. Ronnie G.

SUNDAY MARCH 17TH 12-4 P.M.

OVH Cottage O 3416 Columbus Ave. Sandusky

Potluck Lunch

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN AA HISTORY: 1936- AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 AA had 15 members. 1940- Bill Wilson begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Works Publishing Inc. is established to support the writing and printing of the book. 1941- Second printing of the Big Book. 1941- 1st AA prison group formed at San Quentin. March 1, 1951- Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article published and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by years end. March 3, 1947- Nell Wing started working at the Alcoholic Foundation Lexington Ave. March 4, 1891- Lois (Burnam) Wilson is born. March 10, 1944- New York Intergroup Office was established. March 15, 1941- 1st AA group formed in New Haven, Connecticut. March 16, 1940- Alcoholic Foundation (GSO) and Works Publishing move from Newark to lower Manhattan- AA's first Headquarters. March 21, 1881- Anne Ripley Smith (Dr. Bob's wife) is born. March 21, 1966- Ebby Thatcher (the man who carried the message to Bill) dies. March 22, 1951- Dr. William D. Silkworth dies at Town's Hospital. March 22, 1984- Clarence Snyder "The Home Brewmeister" dies. March 23, 1936- Bill and Lois Wilson visits Fitz Mayo ("Our Southern Friend") in Maryland. While they were visiting Fitz, Bill C., a lawyer, alcoholic and gambler, who stayed with them almost a year at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn, New York, committed suicide in after having stolen and sold about \$700 worth of their dress clothes and luggage. He gassed himself in their oven. Bill's story, B.B.(p. 16) "one poor chap committed suicide." March 1, 1931- 1st AA group formed in London, England.

INTERGROUP BOARD of DIRECTORS

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 Picnic: Dan F. 440-723-7690
 Memorial Day Committee:
 Tom M., 440-308-5885
 Jody B. 440- 225-2412
 Pig Roast Committee:
 Troy S. 440-365-9018

JANUARY INTER-GROUP FINANCIAL

INCOME

Donations	\$2,268.30
Sales	\$1,483.19
Credit Card Sales	\$360.32
Fund Raising	\$21.00
Bank Interest	\$.07
Misc.	\$11.41
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,144.29

EXPENSES

Rent	\$1450.00
First Energy	\$86.95
Spectrum Internet	\$99.98
Spectrum Phone	\$20.49
5/3 ACH MPS	\$39.95
Purchases	\$2,816.59
Payroll	\$1,374.11
Payroll Taxes	\$247.74
Sales Tax	\$509.03
Live Wire	\$125.00
Intuit QuickBooks	\$47.93
Microsoft	\$6.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,824.17

Profit (Loss) (\$2,679.88)

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

**LORAIN COUNTY AREA INTERGROUP
49 EAST AVE. ELYRIA, OH**

**LORAIN COUNTY MULTI-DISTRICT
(LCMD) GSR AND DCM MEETING
10:30 a.m.**

**LORAIN COUNTY AREA INTERGROUP
(LCAIG) MEETING
12:30 p.m.**

**ATTENTION!
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
THE JAILS AND
PRISONS
Contact:
Matthew C.
440-949-0091**



**ATTENTION!
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TREATMENT
SETTINGS
AND
INSTITUTIONS
Contact:
Tamara SR
440-670-8888**

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Lorain County Multi-District

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Alt Chair: Art C. (440) 773-9474
Secretary: Therese C. (440) 724-1526

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Avon, Avon Lake, Columbia, Eaton,
 Grafton, N. Ridgeville, Sheffield,
 Sheffield Lake

DCM: Therese C. (440) 724-1526

Alt DCM: *POSITION OPEN*****

District 19B

Lorain & Part of Vermilion

DCM: *POSITION OPEN*****

Alt. DCM: *POSITION OPEN*****

District 20A

City of Elyria and Carlisle

DCM: *POSITION OPEN**

Alt. DCM: *POSITION OPEN*****

District 20C

Amherst, S. Amherst Brighton Twp,
 Brownhelm Twp., Camden Twp,
 Henrietta Twp, Kipton, LaGrange,
 Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield Twp.,
 Wellington

DCM: Randy W. (330) 591-7328

Alt. DCM: *POSITION OPEN*****

ATTENTION LORAIN COUNTY AREA WE ARE IN NEED OF KEY DISTRICT COMMITTEE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

For more information contact Our
 Multi-District Chairperson
 Ellen W. (440) 327-8812

**Area 54
NEOH General Service
Area Assembly
March 17th 2-4 p.m.
12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Road
Brunswick, OH 44212**

SUGGESTED % of Group Contributions

50% Lorain County Inter-Group Office 25% General Service Office

Lorain Inter-Group
 49 East Avenue
 Elyria, Ohio 44035

General Service Office
 P.O. Box 2407
 James A. Farley Station
 New York, NY 10116-2407

15% NE Ohio General Service

NE Ohio General Service
 ATTN: Area 54 Treasurer
 P.O. Box 91384
 Cleveland, OH 44101-3384

**10% Lorain County
Multi-District**

Lorain Inter-Group
 49 East Avenue
 Elyria, Ohio 44035
 ATTN: Dan F. Treas
 (440)723-7690

Making Service Structure Contributions:

*Make checks payable to each specific entity. For ex.: General Service Board

*Place the group's General Service #, District # and Area 54 on all donations.

*General Service # can be found in the meeting schedule or on the internet at aalorain.org under A.A. Meetings.

*District # is located above.

*If you do not have a General Service number attached to your group, please contact your DCM (listed above) and they will register your Group, or you can attend the monthly Multi-District meeting to register.