



The Beacon

Jan-Feb 2013

The Beacon Statement

The Beacon is published to foster unity, facilitate communication among AA members and groups within the North Alabama area, and present the experience and opinions of individual members of Alcoholics Anonymous on the disease of Alcoholism and recovery from it. Opinions in The Beacon are not those of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by Alcoholics Anonymous or the Huntsville Area Intergroup Association. We aim to be an instrument of carrying the A.A. message, and to publish AA related material, including personal stories of experience strength, and hope—as well as what we feel to be important information about what is happening in this area. All material is reviewed by the Beacon editor and the Huntsville Area Intergroup Association.

The Beacon on the Web!

For those who have access to the “Web”, The Beacon is available via the internet. Just visit the AA District 20 web site at: <http://www.aahuntsvilleal.org> and click on the “NEWS” menu entry. Each issue will be posted (in PDF format) for download directly after publication.

Beacon Submissions

To reach the editor with article suggestions, feedback, contributions and ideas: Email to: beacon@aahsv.org. Or drop off at The Beacon mailbox inside the Central Office, 3322 S. Memorial Pkwy, Bldg 600, Suite 603, or call 256-885-0323.

From the Editor:

In November, a form was distributed to each District 20 group. The HAIA is updating the 12th Step and answering service volunteer lists—both in the Central Office and the night-time volunteer books. If your group hasn't already submitted the volunteer names and telephone numbers, please do so before January 31st. As of this writing, only one group has submitted a list.

Bill P., Ed.

R.I.P

Alcoholics Anonymous was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of its members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else had been with us for many years and did far more than one person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, an activity to volunteer for, a committee meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors to AA. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else sometimes appeared superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much from Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. We can't depend on Someone Else anymore. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow -- but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do things Someone Else did?

Anonymous

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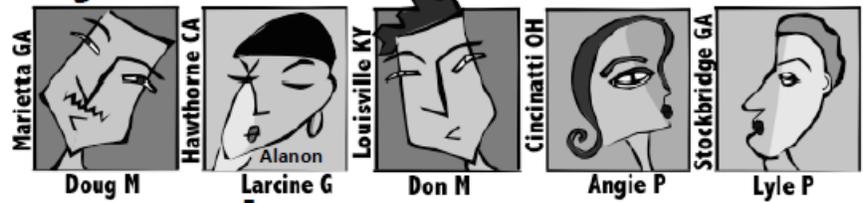
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SPECIAL NEEDS and SERVICES—DISTRICT 20

Please notify Central Office if you are available to serve as an Interpreter – Language or American Sign Language or have resources/contacts. Please be of service in helping your district connect and provide services!

RESOURCES/BIG BOOKS/12&12 AT CENTRAL OFFICE:

PAMPHLET-AA FOR THE ALCOHOLIC WITH SPECIAL NEEDS available on CD in English and Spanish

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book in Braille

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book in ASL--VHS format only at this time

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE MEETINGS:

Huntsville Group, Joy of Living, Redstone Arsenal, Jungtimers, Madison Hopeful, New Hope, Unity, Despertar, Stairway

RESOURCES FOR SPANISH MEETINGS-CALL CENTRAL OFFICE TO CONNECT WITH HISPANIC INTERPRETOR RESOURCES—link for District 24 and statewide meetings/contact number at www.aahuntsvilleal.com

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AVAILABILITY: Work in progress-please notify Central office if you have ASL questions, need services, or if you are available to serve as an ASL interpreter.

ON LINE RESOURCES Available through www.aa.org –Search *Special Needs*

A.A. Guideline - Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs

A.A. Guideline - Carrying the A.A. Message to the Deaf Alcoholic

A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs

A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never Too Late

Thank you! Martha D.-Special Needs Committee Contact

Acceptance

“And acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing, or situation – some fact of my life unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing, or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God’s world by mistake.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, page 417



Primary Purpose 6 Year Anniversary

Join Us At Grace Lutheran Church
Tuesday March 11th

Primary Purpose is having
a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30

followed by a speaker at 8:00.

Speaker: Rick F. from Pensacola, FL

Please bring your favorite dish
or beverage for the potluck dinner.

Grace Lutheran Church is located at
3321 Memorial Parkway