

This was in The Northern Territory News, printed Sept 18 1959, I am wanting to print a series, on the History of AA in The Northern Territory. I have certain information but would like to give readers a chance to contribute, as this is your Newsletter. Anything accuracy is important, as accurate as possible, as a lot would be handed down. Any funny stories also, I am sure there are many.

Thank you in advance Susan B (please email to serenitvimesaa@outlook.com)

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

£50 ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC? ASKS DARWIN CLERGYMAN

(By Rev. N. C. Pearce of the United Church)
If a person wants to drink, that's his concern. But if a person wants to stop drinking,

that is my concern.

It's my concern, because I am convinced that one of the most urgent needs in this city is that of providing treatment for those with this disease called Alcoholism.

It's my concern because I have certain information which has helped others, and can help men and women in the Territory.

NOT A NEW PROBLEM
Alcoholism is not a problem that has arisen in modern society. It goes back into history, hundreds of years before Christ; and it has always been

regarded as incurable. Today there are 200,000 people in 7,600 groups in 60 countries who have recovered from their illness, and regained their rightful place in society. The credit for this must go to "Alcoholics Anonymous".

WHAT IS AN ALCOHOLIC?
Alcoholism is not confined to any one group of people. It is a sickness which may attack the most highly educated, the poorest and all others in any community; and its devastating effects upon life and

property cannot be treated lightly. Medical research has set out a list of questions. "Yes" to any three, you are or could become ill with this progressive disease. Here are the questions:

1. Have you ever tried to stop drinking for a week, and failed?
2. Do you regret advice on this matter of drinking?
3. Have you ever tried to control your drinking by switching from one alcoholic drink to another?
4. Have you taken a morning drink during the past year?
5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
6. Has your drinking problem become progressively more serious during the past year?

HOME PROBLEMS
7. Has your drinking created problems in your home?
8. At social affairs where drinking is limited, do you try to obtain "extra drinks"?
9. Have you continued to be there that you can stop drinking "on your own" when you want?
10. Have you missed time from work?

11. Have you "blacked out" during your drinking?
12. Do you feel that you ought to be doing more with your life?

WHAT IS ALCOHOLIC'S ANONYMOUS?
It is an informal society, composed of voluntary workers. It is devoted to a programme of mutual help; and its members live from day to day according to a set of rules tried and proved by many people.

WHAT ABOUT IT?
Can we have a group in Darwin?

There are some folk in Darwin who are recovering from the illness; there may be some who have recovered. None is really cured and it is easy for a social drink to cause the sickness to flare again.

Folk will recover more rapidly by sharing their experiences and helping other patients with a similar illness. So a group is necessary in Darwin; and I want to make this offer of providing a room where folk may meet, talk over a cup of tea as often as they desire to come and find strength through such companionship.

In this room there will be literature provided by the Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous of 127 Collins Street, Melbourne.

QUALIFICATIONS
To those who want to be in the group there are three qualifications:

1. A sincere desire to stop drinking.

2. A willingness to admit that by yourself you are unable to solve your problem.

3. The ability to be honest with yourself.

It is a group—urgently needed—and for all irrespective of color, class or creed.

It is an honest attempt to help one who are suffering from the disease, and to assist fellow-lives where unhappiness has followed the illness.

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12 CONCEPTS OF WORLD SERVICE

WORKSHOP (Hosted by Mick G)

With the success of the recent 12 Traditions workshops, we have decided to continue with **The 12 Concepts of AA World Service**, workshop/meeting.

Format of this meeting is **highly informal**:

1. Guest Speaker each week invited to share their experience, strength, and hope on the given **CONCEPT** for that week. (15 minutes)
2. The screen is then **shared** with the **CONCEPTS CHECKLIST**. In case you do not have a copy.
3. Members are then asked to briefly share their experience, strength, and hope on the weeks **CONCEPT**.
4. **If like many, you are new or have not previously been exposed to CONCEPTS, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about your fellowship and how to better "carry the message". Just chill out and listen for the night, take notes, just enjoy the fellowship. You are NOT REQUIRED to share on ANY or ALL the questions in the CONCEPTS CHECKLIST.**

This will be conducted via Zoom.

Topic: 12 Concepts for AA World Service: 12-week workshop.

Every week on Wednesday beginning August 12 through to 16 December.

7.00pm Darwin Time.

If your interest is peaked please go to aadarwin.org.au

The information you need to connect to Zoom will be there.

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I CHOOSE ANONYMITY

We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, page 187

Since there are no rules in A.A. I place myself where I want to be, and so I chose anonymity. I want my God to use me, humbly, as one of His tools in this program. Sacrifice is the art of giving of myself freely, allowing humility to replace my ego. With sobriety, I suppress that urge to cry out to the world, "I am a member of A.A." and I experience inner joy and peace. I let people see the changes in me and hope they will ask what happened to me. I place the principles of spirituality ahead of judging, fault-finding, and criticism. I want love and caring in my group, so I can grow. Reprinted from, Daily Reflections August 29.