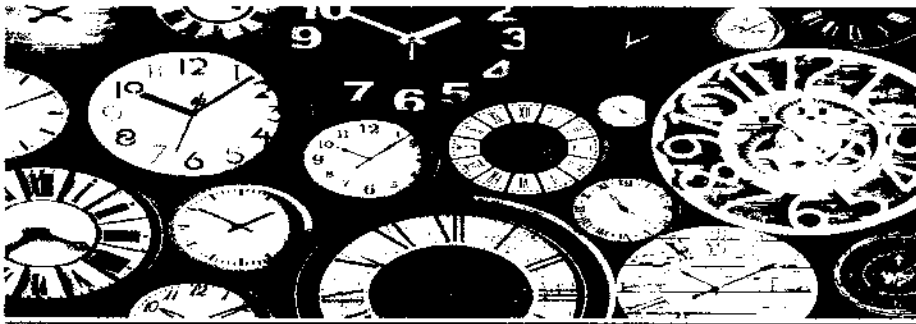


THE SERENITY TIMES

The monthly newsletter of the Darwin district AUGUST 2021

Tradition 8. Long Form.

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define non-professionalism as the occupation of counselling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.



No matter what time day or night we are available for those that need us. (Free of charge)

Inclement weather will not stop us doing our freely given Twelfth Step work.



Spiritual as it is, A.A. remains very much of this world. The Eighth Tradition, like the Seventh, focuses on a vulgar five letter word that isn't mentioned in either: money. Many of us have had to explain to some cynical prospect, "No, I'm not a social worker, I don't get paid for talking with you. I'm doing it because it's the best way to stay sober myself."

Even though A.A. should remain non-professional, our service centres can employ special workers. The General service Office employs both alcoholic and some non-alcoholic workers, these are people that are qualified in the roles they are hired for. They are paid award wages and fill the roles that could not be filled totally by volunteers as there is a lot of work running the GSO it would be impossible to be run by volunteers who would have to be retired and very wealthy to be able to have the time to fill these full-time positions. On occasions volunteers have given their time and talent to these services and their contributions have been greatly appreciated.



Darwin District

Darwin District serves the A.A. groups in the Darwin District.

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11am-2pm Monday-Saturday
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Pat M (Treasurer)
Susan B (Secretary)
VACANT (Office Co-Ordinator)
Denis P (Registrar)
Mick G (Webmaster)
Caroline B (Literature Officer)
Denis P (acting Maintenance Officer)
Dan T (Public Information Officer)
Doug W (Treatment & Correctional Facilities Coordinator)
VACANT (Roundup Coordinator)
Susan B (Editor)

Next Meeting

The next District meeting for committee members is scheduled for Wednesday August 4th 2021, via Zoom.

The next Area meeting is Sunday 15th August 2021 9am via Zoom.

To submit your story, or any other articles A.A. suitable, for printing in the SERENITY TIMES:

Please contact the editor at serenitytimesaa@outlook.com

The editor has the right to decide the suitability for printing, of all articles forwarded, and would love to print your story or a story about your group, service, steps anything that will encourage others.

Public Information Update

Treasurer DDO: Pat M

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Summary: At the end of June, we retain a healthy balance (cash and bank account) of \$7,195.53. This includes \$1,335.00 received for the PI Bus advertising project. Excluding income from the PI Bus contributions we recorded a loss for the month of \$211.78 compared to a surplus of \$144.45 for the same month last year. The difference is attributable to lower income from groups (apart from PI Bus contributions) and lower literature sales. Year to date excluding the PI Bus contributions we are showing a loss of \$1,061.45 but this includes the donation of \$2,000 GSO in December. No need to worry at this stage, especially since we want those bus contributions to keep flowing in, but we also need to maintain enough 60/30/10 contributions to meet our office expenses. Roughly we need about \$520 per month in group contributions, and so far, this year (from September) we have averaged \$594 which is OK. This month however we only received \$175.28 and the months before were also quite low so we need to make sure this doesn't keep trending downwards.

Petty Cash/Literature Cash Sales: The petty cash tin was counted at the end of the month at \$32.25. Balance at the start of the month was \$43.65 and receipts for petty cash expenditure (Paper towels and paper coffee cups) amounted to the difference of \$11.40. Caroline is now keeping the literature float to \$50.00 and will advise if this needs to be adjusted

Acting DCM: Mick G

ACTING DARWIN DISTRICT MEMBERS REPORT
WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2020

Welcome and thank you all for attending, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

During lockdown all meetings are suspended.

Zoom meetings are still operating

All groups have been offered the opportunity to ZOOM their meeting if they wish

The Darwin Website has been changed to reflect this and Secretary's/GSR's have been notified.

Thank you to the Registrar for his efforts and support in this matter in keeping the fellowship updated as changes were required

Due to Covid19 the Darwin Office is unattended for Monday and Tuesday of this week.

I have sent the new "AA Preamble" to the group Secretary's/GSR's. Of course, as each group is autonomous, it will be each groups decision as to which Preamble is used.

SECRETARY: Susan B

All going well.

REGISTRAR: Denis P

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service this month. I have been kept busy in my role for the month of June, especially with the Covid lockdown. We are still short volunteers in the office for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11am-2pm must have 6months continual sobriety minimum, have a home group and be supported by that group. Please can this be announced at all groups.

The phone tally for the 24hr phone service from the 23rd June through to the 5th July was 7 calls. Thank you to the volunteers for your service.

OFFICE COORDINATOR: VACANT

Denis P. (acting)

Thank you to Darren H. and Tony F. for your service. The office was closed for some says due to Covid lockdown

OFFICE MAINTENANCE:

Denis P (acting)

Mail picked up, office restocked with paper cups and paper towels.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Dan T

No sub-committee meeting was held in June.

WEBMASTER: Mick G

The front page was changed on Sunday to alert members that the Darwin Office was closed due to Covid19 lockdown.

Meeting changes have been made as new information arises

There have been 500 views and 200 visitors to the site this month (June)

TREATMENT AND CORRECTIONS FACILITIES: Doug W

Things are going as normal.

LITERATURE: Caroline B

7th June I put together pamphlets together for Monday night group total \$26.55

Sold 10 little big books and 2 big books to the Sunday night living sober group total of \$110.00

8th June BBRG sold an ABSI to a group member \$26.00

9th June sold a 12x12 to a member \$13.00

11th June picked up DDO order of 10 big books and 6 little big books

16th June sold AA comes of age \$33.00

And sold 2 Big Books, 4 starter packs and few pamphlets to Wednesday night group total \$68.75

4th July banked \$123.00 sent Pat Mac receipt

EDITOR Serenity Times: Susan B

SERENITY TIMES

A revised issue of the serenity times was sent out due to the poster for the Melbourne Convention not fitting the AA guidelines. This was rectified and a new poster was created which then replaced the page I had originally published.

What does service mean to me?

By Suze B (Sobriety Date 23/11/2018)

I wasn't attending AA meetings for very long before I was asked to be the person responsible for the coffee tea and biscuits for my group. This made me feel like I belonged, even though I was very new I was made feel part of my group. The group had many visitors at each meeting, being responsible for the dishes I got to meet many of the visitors as they slipped out to the kitchen to have a chat after the meeting. I also tried to arrive early enough to help set up the chairs for the meeting.

It wasn't long and I was assisting with PI work, only a little but it was training me on how this works. I moved on to become literature officer for my group and volunteered in the office one day a week.

I was encouraged to attend committee meetings as an observer, this was great because I got to meet different members of AA also, I was learning a little about how things ran.

I accepted the Office Maintenance position, this was easy as I was in the office once a week anyway, I could attend to what was required whilst doing office service.

At about 12 months sobriety I was asked to be secretary for the group, me a secretary Lol, this was an ever-bigger learning curve.

I kept up with the District Committee Meetings and occasionally an Area meeting.

Our newsletter the Serenity Times, was needing a new Editor as the previous one had rolled off a few years ago, but graciously kept the newsletter coming out even though she had moved interstate. I wondered if I would be capable and was assured, I would be assisted if required, this started me on a journey of gaining though, I must say gradually gaining more knowledge on using Microsoft word.

Due to shortages of people coming forward to try out service work, I am also the secretary for the District and Area.

I am not an expert in any of these roles, I make many mistakes.

I changed groups and was asked to be GSR as I attended the Committee meetings regularly and my predecessor had been in this role for around 20 years, it is a 2-year role, but this is what he had to do to have a GSR for the meeting.

I will now answer the question I posed as the heading for this article.

What does service work mean to me?

Service work makes me feel useful, it makes me feel like I am doing something to give back to AA for the Sobriety I have gained. I learned a long time ago that what you get freely you must give back freely, this is how I have tried to live my life.

AA has assisted me with sobriety, a family that I was much in need of, a 12 Step program to help me become a better person. A lifetime of learning, regular meetings, someone to call on anytime of the day or night if I require someone else to help sort my mind out which also includes a much closer relationship with my higher power than I had prior to AA.

I often say that Service helps me stay sober. That is not really what keeps me sober, not my service, but honestly its everyone else's service that keeps me sober, going right back to Bill W.

I just like to think that what service I give helps someone else like it is helping me.

Not everyone has the time to take on as many roles as I have now, I am retired so it keeps me occupied. If anyone wants to take a turn to do any of these roles, let me know and I can teach you what to do and when I roll of at the required time you will be ready to take over.

Have you ever thought of assisting in some way with service, other than 12 Step Service?

If I can do this anyone can learn. We have our AGM coming up in September, there will be positions available. Please think about what you could offer to AA.



Thank You, AA for being available to anyone that wants to become sober.

Thank You everyone for giving service, it is appreciated by people like me.

POSITIONS VACANT

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

OFFICE CO-ODINATOR

11am-2pm

OFFICE MAINTENANCE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

ROUND UP CO-ORDINATOR

(6 months continual sobriety required)

AREA TREASURER

A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to AA's future, to place our common welfare first; to

Keep our Fellowship united.

For on AA Unity depend our lives,

And the lives of those to come.

I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that:

I am responsible.

NEW MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7PM – WELL, KIND OF. The Darwin Service Group has morphed into:

"IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS" ZOOM MEETING

This meeting is a series of Workshops, Guest Speakers and sharing of personal experience, strength and hope on the application of the Spiritual Principles of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of AA in our daily living. It's for fun and for free!

For July Wed 28, we will be looking at the 2021 General Service Topics

Then we will commence with the format below on WED 11 August

Week 1 Tradition 1

Week 2 Concept 2

And so on *"in all our affairs"* meeting

7pm Wednesday night zoom only

Password: 719924

ID 85656704661

Contact Mickg 0407657240

Regards

Mickg

mickfit2@bigpond.com

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FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST 2021 -SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2021

THE KATHERINE ROUNDUP

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST 2021 -SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2021

7.30pm Friday night 6th August

Saturday 7th BBQ 6pm Meeting 7.30pm

Sunday 8th Meeting 10am

Followed by Farewell with Al Anon participation

If you are interested in Katherine Roundup, please check website.

www.rotary10.org.au

Contact person Kyra 0428393647

WHERE: ROTARY FUN PARK 22 RAPIDE ST KATHERINE.

ROTARY HAS ALLOWED CAMPING AT THE PARK IF YOU ARE SELF SUFFICIENT.

LIMITED FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

PARK OPENS FOR 8AM FRIDAY MORNING. \$10 PERNIGHT/PER PERSON

REGISTRATION 6PM FRIDAY NIGHT \$20

ROUNDUP PROGRAM – “HAPPY, JOYOUS AND FREE”

FRIDAY NIGHT 730PM – WELCOME MEETING “HAVE YOU CHANGED” . FOLLOWED BY PIZA SUPPER

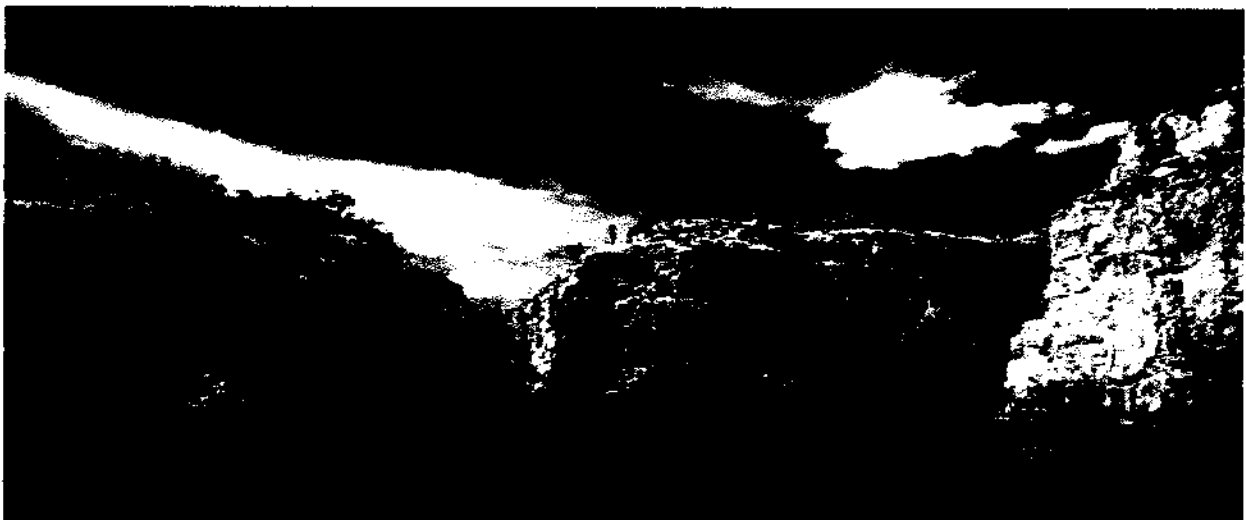
SATURDAY 2PM MEETING –“THIS TOO SHALL PASS” BBQ 6PM SATURDAY NIGHT

SATURDAY NIGHT 730PM – MEETING, ” LIFE ON LIFES TERMS”

SUNDAY MORNING 10AM “SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS MEETING”

FOLLOWED BY FAREWELL LUNCH.

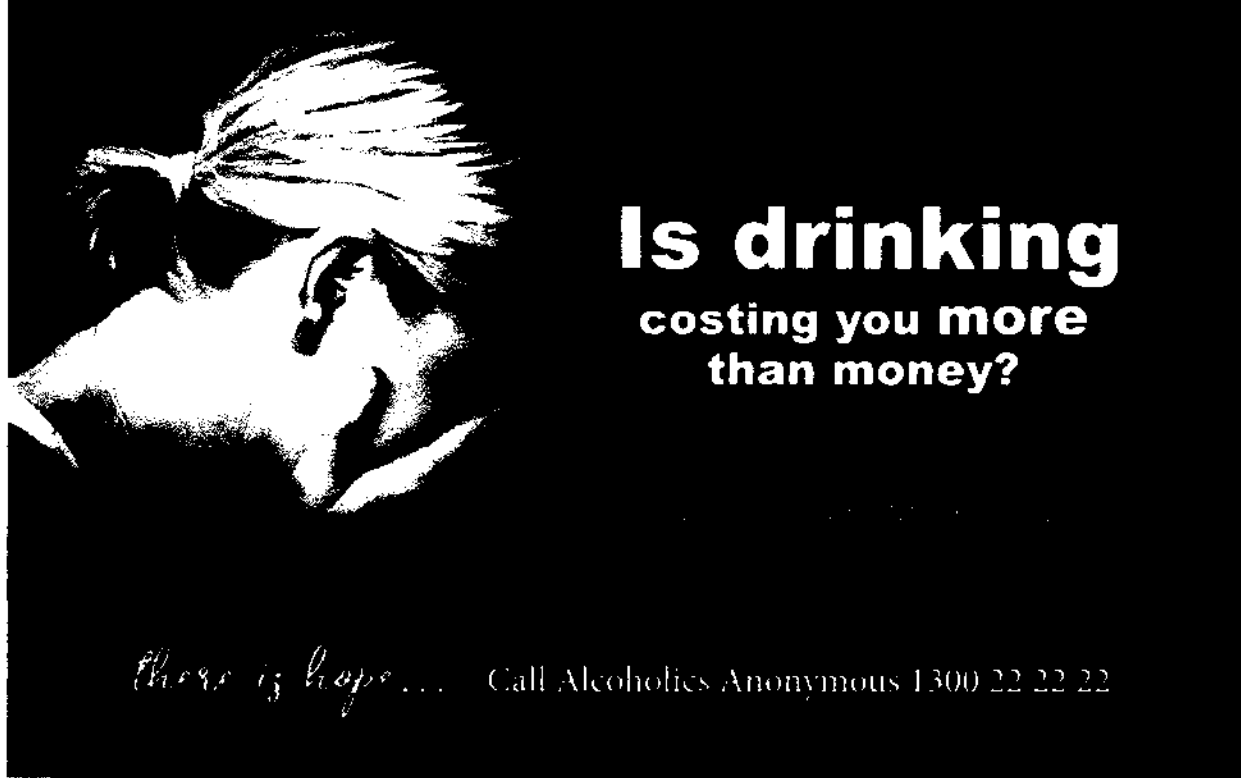
PARK CLOSES AT 2PM



PUBLIC INFORMATION

IS YOUR GROUP INVOLVED IN THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION EFFORT??? COMMIT AND CONTRIBUTE. PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO ACCEPTED. PAY INTO THE DARWIN DISTRICT OFFICE ACCOUNT:

BSB: 085928 ACCOUNT NO: 029873841 PLEASE MARK ALL CONTRIBUTIONS PI BUS ACCOUNT



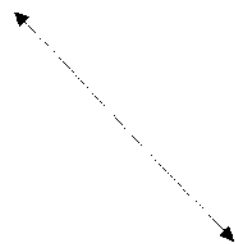
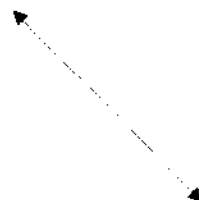
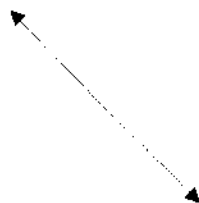
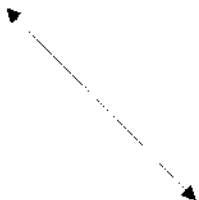
The above photo will be on the back of Darwin Bus for 6 MONTHS. YOUR FELLOWSHIP requires \$4995 for this project. All funds must be raised and remitted to the DDO by November 15th, 2021, for this Public Information project to operate over the XMAS/NEWYEAR Period. The Fellowship has **currently raised \$2,123.40. We are ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS not ALCOHOLICS INVISIBLE** – your contribution could be the greatest xmas gift you have ever given someone.



Last week we received \$110 making donations received so far (at 30th July) total \$2,588.40 – just under 65 percent of our target of \$4,000 by 15th November – approximately 10 more weeks, so we now need an average of \$141.16 per week to make our target – easily achievable if groups and individuals keep those contributions coming!

Regards

Pat Mac Treasurer Darwin District



12th Step Service Opportunity!!!

North West Intergroup 12th Step
24 hour Phone Service

WORKSHOP for new/existing 12th STEP PHONE VOLUNTEERS



WHEN: Sunday 15 August at
10:30 am – 12 pm

WHERE: via Zoom

WHO: This workshop is for **ALL** volunteers (new
or existing) from any area

HOW: Contact nwiqworkshop@gmail.com to
register and for the Zoom link details!

AA-ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
24 HOUR HELPLINE NORTH WEST INTER GROUP

e-mail: nwiqworkshop@gmail.com
Website: www.aaofwestcoast.org.au

AA-ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Registration

\$50

Please register using bank transfer.

Bank Details

Account: Area C National Combined T&CF

BSB: 633000

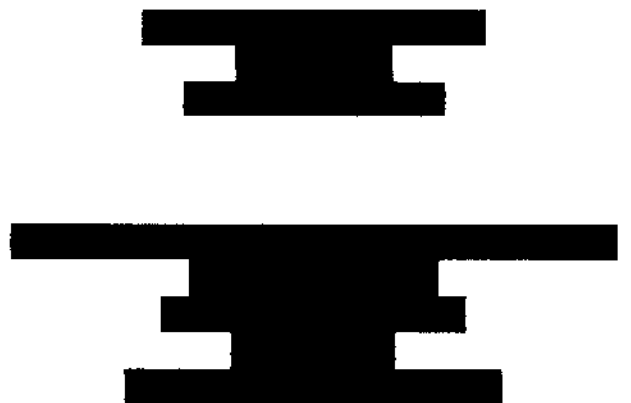
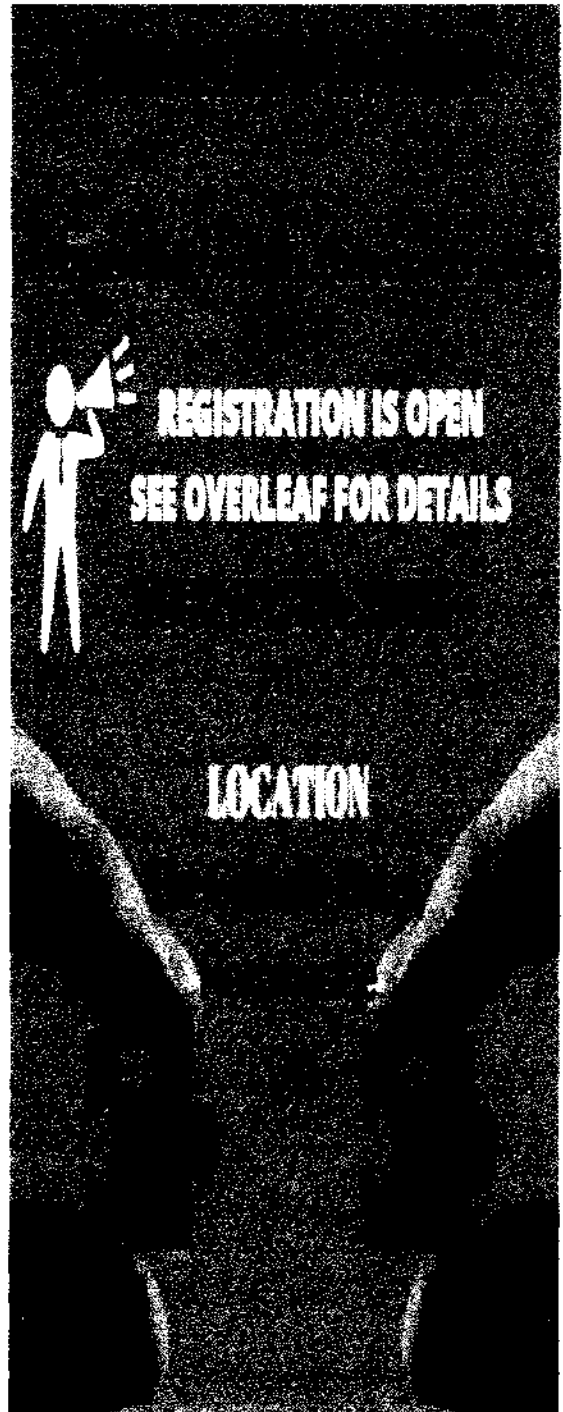
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(Use your Surname or Homegroup name if you
prefer.)

If you have any questions please contact
Syd; 0458 668 075

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at our venue
The Colmsile Hotel Morningside.



THE EGO AND A.A. MEETINGS

'Old Silky', our wonderful Dr Silkworth, hit the nail on the head on page xxviii of our Big Book, when he described the alcoholic as being generally 'restless, irritable, and discontented' ... unless experiencing the ease and comfort of taking a few drinks. I am learning after being in A.A. for 2 plus years, that I can often be irritable, restless and discontent, in sobriety. This suggests that even after removing alcohol from my life, my character defects are still there and are now exposed in all their throbbing glory.

I'm embarrassed to write this, but I sometimes find myself feeling irritable and annoyed, even angry and frustrated, during and after an AA meeting, - especially if I haven't been asked to share. Lol!

This self-centred reaction to some meetings has forced me to pause and reflect because I'm learning that being disturbed in *any way* is dangerous territory for an alcoholic like me. The answers I've received from my reflections leave me feeling uncomfortable, but I'm hoping the truth shall eventually set me free.

Ironically, the Ego, (my ego), really shows up in meetings. It feels threatened by being cut down to 'right size'. At meetings I am not the expert or the advice giver, the rescuer, or the one with all the answers, which are the roles I usually play in normal life. There I am just one member amongst equals. I am no greater than or less than any other member at a meeting. How rare is this experience and where our so-called leaders are just trusted servants who do not govern and where each member has some wisdom to share?

Usually when communicating, a person will share something and then we are expected to hook into it by responding, often giving our opinions. Whereas in an A.A. meeting after a member shares, we do not give unsolicited advice. We clap and accept whatever is shared and keep it in our hearts. This shows our respect for each other and the belief in the innate wisdom that resides within all of us. An A.A. meeting is the only place where I have become open to listening and respecting another member's experience regardless of their level of education or their eloquence. In fact I have learned more from those who society might not value, - the uneducated, the toothless, life's ordinary battlers. What a privilege I have been given!

So, I'm at a meeting bursting to share. Why? Is it because I really want to show how wise I am? Is there a trace of feeling superior to someone else's understanding of The Program and how it should be worked? Do I at some level think I am morally superior to these other members? Or even more intelligent than others? In other words, am I in some way thinking I am *better* than others? Or as my Sponsor challenges me, "Do you have something to say or do you just want to say something?"

Turning this around I can see that being asked to listen without commenting and keeping my opinions to myself, I am given a greater chance of learning something new and to see a problem in a new light. This is a variation on the adage that we learn more from listening than speaking.

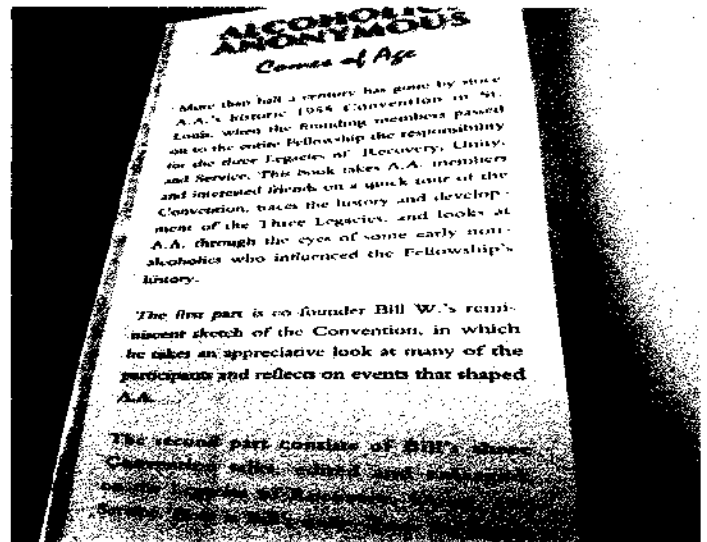
The Ego is not happy with this scenario. It always seems to be the one with all the wisdom, the oracle, the leader, the boss, the best at. Add to this the Ego's push to be right and to be liked. What a minefield! Isn't it a miracle that meetings full of alcoholic's function as well as they do!!

The surrender I made in Step 3 plus being asked in Step 12 'to practise these principles in all our affairs', means I also need to surrender A.A. meetings and *what happens in them* into God's care. By being open to listening without opinions or comments, allows new insights a chance to enter my consciousness. This enables God to speak to me through the words of others. Letting go in this way accelerates my spiritual growth because I'm getting out of my own head and the way I usually see things - my old ideas.

A.A. meetings are part of the mystery of how A.A. as a whole works in our lives. I've heard it said that no words are wasted in an A.A. meeting. Someone is hearing exactly what they need to hear. We all hear things which change us, - if we open ourselves to how a meeting unfolds. By 'staying right size' and being humble, we have a greater chance of finding the wisdom we need to continue our road to happy destiny.

Love in Fellowship,
Jenny, Alice Springs

CAROLINES CORNER



This extraordinary book deserves the careful attention of anyone interested in the problem of alcoholism.

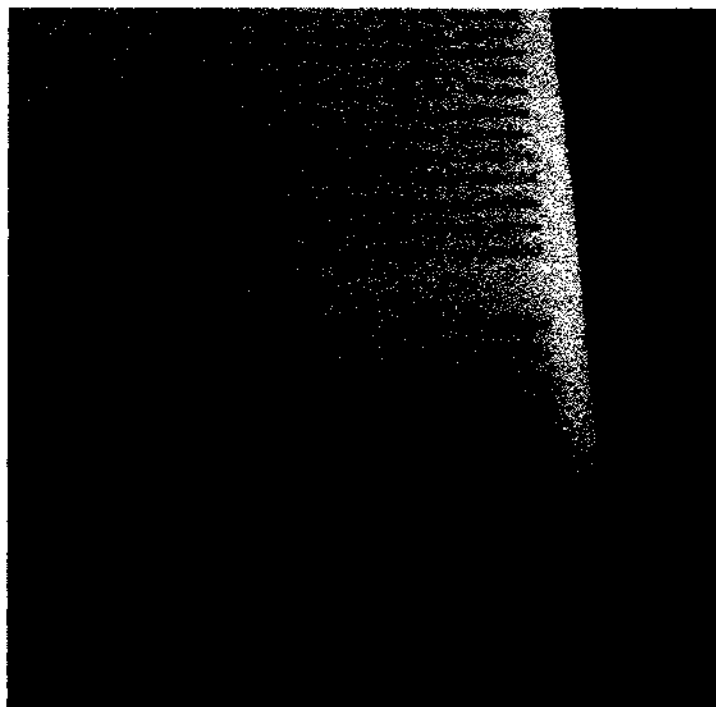
Whether as victims, friends of victims, physicians, clergymen, psychiatrists, or social workers, and there are many more such, this book will give them, as no other treatise known to this recover will, an inside view of the problem which the alcoholic faces.

Gothic cathedral windows are not the sole things which can be truly seen only from within. Alcoholism is another. All outside views are clouded and unsure. Only one who has been an alcoholic and has escaped the thralldom can interpret the experience.

Page 322 says it all. History of this kind can be more than history it can be seen and felt as experience

Thank you for the opportunity to share
this month's book review with you all.

Kind regards Caroline B



HISTORY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN DARWIN

AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

ALICE SPRINGS

The AA message started in Darwin but thankfully it didn't take long to spread to other parts of the Territory. In the mid-sixties Archie St Clair lived in Alice Springs and wanted to start a meeting so he travelled the 1300 Kilometres to Darwin to get some advice from Paul V. The first meetings in the town were held in a hall in Hartley St and then moved to the Salvation Army Hostel in Stuart Terrace.

Although suffering quite severe health problems from being struck by lightning in Japan during World War II, Arch visited the Alice Springs Jail to help prisoners with alcohol problems. He worked variously as a transport driver, on the Central Australian Railway as a train guard and later had his own taxi in Alice Springs. Arch and his wife Carmel moved to Mooloolaba on Queensland's Sunshine Coast in 1983. He dies there on 16th July, 2000 aged 74. He had been sober for 18 years.

As far as can be ascertained, there was no AA meetings in Alice Springs in the late 1960's—early 1970's until Tom Murphy started one up about 1972.

Tom found AA in New Guinea and was sober about 13 years when he came from there to take up a position with the Department of Works as a clerk in the Alice Springs power station.

He started a meeting on Monday nights in the staff room of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School in Hartley Street and sat there by himself reading the Big Book for a year or 18 months until joined by 'Bushie Jack' R, who got sober in Perth.

Bob W. came in September 1974, Lennie O'B. in November 1977, finally living in Kuranda on the Atherton Tablelands behind Cairns. He died there on October 5th, 1996, aged 79.

The first Outback Round-up (originally the Alice Springs Round-up) was first suggested by Father Ferdie Parer, of Palm Island (off the North Queensland coast). He offered to bring over a part of Palm Islands AA's and Al Anon's if Alice Springs would put on a round-up.

No one in Alice knew much about running a round-up so the few members sought some advice from Darwin.

The late Nev Duncan kindly gave some help in setting up a program.

Father Ferdie, true to his word, brought a wonderful bunch of Palm Islanders and the Alice Springs Round-up was held during the May long weekend in 1979.

Visitors enjoyed so much the barbeque and the meeting 'out bush' in the dry bed of Temple Bar Creek during the 1981 and 1982 round-ups that in 1983 the round-up included one night out at Hamilton Downs old homestead, then a youth camp. Visitors and locals alike thought this such a beautiful and suitable venue, that the round-ups were held there from 1984 – 1989, spending both the Saturday and Sunday nights at the venue. In 1984 the name was changed to the Outback Round-Up.

Because weather can be quite cold during the first weekend in May, from 1986 the round-up dates were changed to around the middle of April. In recent years the Alice Springs round-up has been held at a venue in the town around the middle of August, on a weekend to follow the Darwin and Katherine round-ups.

KATHERINE

Alcoholics Anonymous has been involved in the Katherine community since the 1970's.

AA members came and went but Pat C. kept the doors open until Jack S. returned from Darwin Detox in February 1979. Pat C. moved on, other members drifted in and out, but Jack remained. In October 1982, Leon moved from Melbourne and joined Jack. He promoted AA throughout this small country town and the meeting started to attract up to a dozen members. AA went from one meeting a week to three--which it still retains.

Katherine hosted its first round-up in 1991 with the help of Gary D, Leo, Peter M, Ruth, and others. Mark moved from Darwin in the mid 90's and has been instrumental in keeping the round-up going, along with the constant support of the local members and visitors from interstate, overseas and Darwin.

Overall, it has a constant presence in Katherine since the 70's which is not bad for a small country town in the outback Australia. A number of local people have been introduced to AA in Katherine and have gone into lengthy sobriety. A town such as Katherine has a large indigenous population and quite a number of Aboriginal people have got sober and stayed sober for lengthy periods as a result of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Kyra is now the one that opens the meetings in Katherine.



- 1) We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.**
- 2) Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**
- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.**
- 4) Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**
- 5) Admitted to God to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**
- 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**
- 7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**
- 8) Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.**
- 9) Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**
- 10) Continued to take a personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**
- 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.**

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

(Short Form)

Tradition One

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity."

Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Tradition Three

"The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Tradition Four

"Each group should be autonomous except in manners affecting other groups or AA as a whole."

Tradition Five

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Tradition Six

"An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Tradition Seven

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Tradition Eight

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centres may employ special workers."

Tradition Nine

"AA as such, ought never be organised; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Tradition Ten

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Tradition Eleven

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

Tradition Twelve

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

AUGUST 1951 GRAPEVINE

In Bad Company

A man charged in the municipal court of Albuquerque, New Mexico with drunkenness, complained of having been in bad company. "I was out with three men, and I had a bottle of Scotch," he said. "The other three were teetotallers."]

***GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS,
I CANNOT CHANGE
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE
THINGS
CAN,
AND THE WISDOM
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.***



**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4TH
7PM ZOOM
DARWIN DISTRICT MEETING**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH
9AM ZOOM
AREA MEETING**

**DARWIN DISTRICT
AGM
8TH SEPTEMBER 2021
7PM ZOOM**

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