



# DISTRICT 27

TO THINE  
OWNSELF  
BE TRUE

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## STEP SEVEN

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

## FROM DEPENDENCE WE FOUND INDEPENDENCE

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## TRADITION SEVEN

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

## CONCEPT SEVEN

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for effectiveness.

THE DISTRICT 27  
A.A. INFO LINE  
352-949-2239



District Meeting **3rd** Tuesday

of each Month 5:30 P.M.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

7550 149 PL, Chiefland 32626

all are welcome come see how the district is run

ANYONE WANTING THEIR ANNIVERSARY DATE IN THE NEWSLETTER E-MAIL IT TO THE NEWSLETTER MAKE SURE I HAVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR SOBRIETY DATE AND YOUR HOMEGROUP WITH IT

ANYONE WILLING TO DO 12 STEP CALLS IN YOUR AREA E-MAIL THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL PUT A LIST IN THE INFO LINE PHONE BAG

REMEMBER NO ONE ANSWERS 12 STEP CALLS BY YOURSELF

## I AM RESPONSIBLE

Whenever anyone anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of A.A. always be there- for that:

## I AM RESPONSIBLE

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Norene A.	7/23/1972	Women In Action	51 YEARS
Estelle K.	7/11/2009	Women In Action	14 YEARS
Cindy J.	7/10/2002	Women In Action	21 YEARS
Clem	7/4/1995	Sober On The Suwannee	28 YEARS
Dana F.	7/13/1987	Keep It Simple Cedar Key	36 YEARS
Peggy H.	7/4/1986	Keep It Simple Cedar Key	37 YEARS
Bob H.	7/4/1989	Midway Plaza meetings	34 YEARS
Andrea K.	7/21/2016	Women In Action	7 YEARS

# *JULY MEETING OF THE MONTH*

**SUNDAY**

**CHIEFLAND REFLECTIONS**

**7:00PM OD, BB, WC**

**1st United Methodist Church**

**707 N. Main St, Chiefland 32626**

## *STEP SEVEN*

**HUMBLY ASKED GOD TO REMOVE OUR SHORT COMING**

In the Sixth and seventh steps of the program, we become willing to let go of our defects of character—issues, behaviors old feelings, unresolved grief, and beliefs that are blocking us from the joy that is ours. Then we ask God to take the from us.

Isn't that simple? We don't have to contort ourselves to ourselves change. We don't have to force change. we don't have to "do it ourselves." All we have to do is for an attitude of willingness and humility. All we do is ask God for what we want and need, and then God to do for us that which we cannot do and do not to do for ourselves.

We do not have to watch with bated breath for how when we shall change. This is not a self-help program. this miraculous and effective program that has brought recovery and change for millions, we become changed working the Steps.

*Today, God, help me surrender to recovery and to the which I become changed. Help me focus on the Step I need. Help me do my part, relax, and allow the rest to happen.*

**FROM LANGUAGE OF THE HEART PAGE 189 & 190**

# **Tradition Seven in Action**

**August 2000**

My former home group, the Sanibel/Captiva Tuesday Night Group, was put to a test of this Tradition in June 1994. Frank I. had been an active member of this group ever since I arrived in Florida in 1989. He led meetings, got the group to put on meetings at a local detox facility, made coffee, handled the collection if the treasurer wasn't there, and was ready to go to any length to ensure his own sobriety and to help the group.

Frank, unfortunately, had been a heavy smoker most of his life, and lung cancer began to assail his body in 1993. Despite his physical maladies, Frank continued to attend the meetings and play as much of a role as his condition permitted. And when he reached the point where he couldn't drive at night, several members of the group, including myself, would pick him up and drop him off. His sharing at the meetings, I remember, concentrated on the gratitude he had for the years of sobriety he had enjoyed, and for the benefits that sobriety had brought him and his family. He also spoke about acceptance of his illness, even when he knew it would be fatal. In his last weeks of life, Frank entered a hospice. When Frank died at age 74 in June 1994, the small church on Sanibel was filled with his family and his AA friends, who outnumbered others by two to one.

A few weeks afterward, the group received an envelope from Ohio, where Frank had lived prior to moving to Florida. It contained a letter addressed to the group and a check for \$200 from friends of Frank who wanted him to be remembered by this gesture. Most of us realized right away that accepting such a contribution would conflict with the Seventh Tradition, so we called a business meeting. Our group conscience was that we had to return the money, but we wanted the prospective donors to understand why, and we wanted to suggest an alternative way of remembering Frank. I offered to write them a letter on behalf of the group, and I drafted a response and reviewed it with some other members of the group. We thanked the donors for their gesture and told them how much we missed Frank, too. We then quoted and explained the Seventh Tradition, making it clear that accepting the money would pose a conflict for us. We suggested they donate the money instead to Hope Hospice, where Frank had spent his last days. We sent copies of both letters to Frank's Midow, Ginny, so she would know how we had responded.

Frank was a great guy. We still miss him and speak of him occasionally. Our handling of the proposed donation was a wonderful way of illuminating the Seventh Tradition for us, one I often have referred to when this Tradition has come up at other meetings.

*Dick N.*

**Fort Myers, Florida**

**OUR TWELVE TRADITIONS PAGE 100 & 101**

## *Message From Bill May 1964*

I'm glad indeed that we so often say to each other, "Faith without works is dead — action is the magic word!" As we strive to devise better ways of carrying the AA message to those who still suffer, I hope that we will also try to create a wider understanding of the operation and needs of AA's world services — that all-important cluster of activities which enables our Fellowship to function as a whole. Because these far-flung services reach into every quarter of the world, their direct influence for good is too often unseen, and therefore unknown.

Without that global effort, we would now be in a most sorry and chaotic state. Let me illustrate this by two examples:

Suppose, for instance, that, during the last twenty-five years, AA had never published any standard literature no books, no pamphlets. We need little imagination to see that by now our message would be hopelessly garbled. Our relations with medicine and religion would have become a shambles. To alcoholics generally we would today be a joke and the public would have thought us a riddle. Without its literature, AA would certainly have bogged down in a welter of controversy and disunity.

Nevertheless, effective literature was prepared, and in 1939 the publication of the Big Book became our very first world service. From that time on, it became perfectly clear what AA is, what it believes, and how it works. Millions of our pamphlets and hundreds of thousands of our books are today in circulation. AA's message can never be garbled; anyone at all can find out about us with ease. What the dividends of this single project in world communication have been, only God himself knows.

One more illustration. Our Fellowship enjoys a vast goodwill everywhere. In large measure this is directly due to another AA world service — the service of public information. For many years wonderful accounts of AA have poured from the press and from other media of communication. This astounding success has required of your general service people great labor, top skills, and unstinted dedication. There is no question that this continued torrent of favorable publicity has brought to AA one-half its present membership.

But just suppose that these great channels of communication had been left wide open to the winds of chance; or, worse still, had never been developed by us at all. Had there been such a failure, we may well shudder at the dire consequences. Tens of thousands of today's AA membership would still be drinking. Many indeed would now be mad or dead.

I'm sure you have already seen that AA world service is utterly necessary to our future unity and growth — even to our survival as a Fellowship.

To maintain these life-giving arteries of world communication in full flow, and in good repair, will always be a top priority task for each new generation of our Society. This will require of us a greatly increased understanding of the immense need to be met, and a sustained devotion of the highest order.

The world of today harbors the appalling total of twenty million alcoholic men and women. Without doubt a large fraction of these fellow sufferers could begin to find their sobriety and a new way of life if only they could see and hear just one AA meeting. Experience has already proved that our world services constitute the largest and the most powerful single agency that we shall ever possess to bring those legions of sufferers within reach of what we — AAs around the world — have so providentially discovered for ourselves.

Knowing this Fellowship, I feel entirely confident that we will eagerly shoulder and discharge well this most high responsibility to our Third Legacy.

As we continue in the language of the heart to carry AA's message across all distances and all barriers, may God bless us.