

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



March 9, 2024
Mike S.
Riverside, CA.
Central Office
Speaker at 7:00

Silver Legacy · 407 North Virginia St., Reno - Doors open at 6:30

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THE BRACER

NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Few Have a Chance

BY: L.J. | BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

FEW of us have a chance to make a dramatic spectacle of turning our lives over to God. We live our humdrum lives out in a petty round. A chance to risk our life to save another, a great renunciation of something or someone we love comes seldom, if ever, to the average man or woman.

No, our turning our lives over to the care of God, and using His will instead of our own, must be made up of small, day-by-day building. But here's assurance for serene living and great purpose: God gives us the materials for building a good life and moulding character. It's given us in the small decisions we must make daily. Choose this, reject that. What is God's will, in making this decision?

We can either make these choices the Third Step Way or go back to our old, tormented, self-willed way. Daily there's a choice offered between a kindness withheld or generously given; a loyalty failed or a loyalty lived; a day spent in self-pity, or with a song of courage. God puts the song in our hearts.

Yes, each day we are given a 24-hour's supply of building materials. And by living the Third Step Way in all the little day-by-day decisions, there emerges for us a life that reaches, like a magnificent cathedral, toward Heaven.

A A's

Recovery Step Three:

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.”

Three

Unity Tradition Three:

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Legacies

Service Concept Three:

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Concept 3

You should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity — at all levels of service — has the right “to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.” That is, they can “decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions.” This is “the essence of ‘The Right of Decision.’” But this right also means the Fellowship must have trust in its “trusted servants.” If the groups instruct their GSRs rather than giving them a “Right of Decision,” then the area conference is hamstrung. If the GSRs instruct the area delegates rather than giving them a “Right of Decision,” then the General Service Conference is hamstrung. As Bill points out, “our Conference delegates are primarily the servants of A.A. as they should . . . cast their votes . . . according to the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time.”

Similarly, if the General Service Board, acting through its subsidiary boards, “were to attempt to manage” the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine “in detail, then . . . the staff members . . . would quickly become demoralized; they would be turned into buck-passers and rubber stamps; their choice would be to rebel and resign, or to submit and rot.” Bill warns against using “The Right of Decision” as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes: “Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other.”



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NNIG & AREA EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings
Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street, Reno 89501
Location-Silver Barron Room 1-8



Monthly Speaker Meeting
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Speaker at 7:00 PM

March 9, 2024
Mike S. Riverside, CA
Host Group – Central Office

April 13, 2023
Pat G. Los Gatos, CA
Host Group – Pyramid Way Group

May 11, 2024
Penny P. Livermore, CA
Host Group – Women's Just 4 Today

June 8, 2024
Ron H. Portland OR.
Host Group – Jay Walkers

NNIG Speaker Chair: Kevin B. 775-470-4614
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Café Central @ 5pm with the speaker.

March 17, 2024!
NNIG's St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Neil Road Recreation Center
Cribbage Tournament & BINGO
11 am – 1 pm
Bangers & Mash 1-2
\$15
Potluck Desserts & Salads
Speaker-2 pm
Gretchen
Followed by Raffle & 50/50

SAVE THE DATE
June 22, 2024
FOUNDERS DAY
New location
Rancho San Rafael Park

Happy, Joyous, & Free

OTHER AREA EVENTS

DISTRICT 2
HOSTS A
WORKSHOP

SAFETY IN AA

SATURDAY
MARCH 9TH

11:30-2:30 PM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
827 SUNNYSIDE DR
RENO, NV 89503
FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED

RENO SPRING FESTIVAL 2024

Friday May 17 - Saturday May 18th 2024
~ Grand Sierra Resort ~
Lower-Level Convention Center
Sunday May 19th, 2024
Golf Tournament - Wolf Run Golf Course

Scan QR Code to Register Online



Or go to:
<https://RenoSpringFestival2024.eventbrite.com>

Hotel Reservations
Special room rates available at Grand Sierra Resort, T.O. Free - 800-501-2651
(Reservation Deposit Deadline April 18, 2024) Room Block Code: SPRING

Book your rooms online by scanning the QR Code
Or go to: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/usa/grand-sierra-resort.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 775-453-3006

RENVYPAA IN-TENTS CAMPOUT
"WE STOOD AT THE TURNING POINT"
2024

May 31 - June 2



LOCATION: TAYLORSVILLE, CA
TAYLORSVILLE CAMPGROUND
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$20.00
CAMPING, FOOD, AA SPEAKERS, FELLOWSHIP




Central office report from Ronda H. January 2023

The book of the month is “The Big Book” \$2OFF Get yours while supplies last! Pamphlet is “Frequently Asked Questions about AA.” \$0.40. Sign up for The Blast, email of what’s happening in our local AA. Fellowship. Email officemanager@nnig.org to be added to this once-a-month email.

Volunteer Hours: 120 Hours
Calls into Central Office: 159

- Calls for AA help - 4
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 0
- Meeting information - 50
- Retail / merchandise - 15
- Other 12-step programs - 4
- Events – 22
- New to AA/ Talked with - 5
- Business/Central office- 59
- **Visitors – 272 -Dogs- 2**
- **Texts - 4**

*Ronda H.
Central Office Manager*



February 2024

Jack W. 39 Years!!!

Previous Birthdays

December 2023
Sean S. 54 Years
Mark U. 10 Years
Cindy 35 Years

November 2023
Sean L. 52 Years
Rich T. 37 Years

October 2023
Sharon F. 39 Years
Dave S. 40 Years


September 2023
Phil S. 47 Years
Mike H. 28 Years

August 2023
Linda G. 50 Years
Joann P. 11 Years

JUNE
Ann G. 19 Years
Paul C. 32 years
Kylie 41 Years

MAY
Tom H. 21 Years
Donn T. 33 Years
Anonymous 38 Years

March 2023
Kent L. 41 Years
Kim D. 46 Years



That's impressive.

Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today and be featured in the Bracer Birthday Club section of the Bracer. Show your Support for your NNIG & Central Office, Join the Birthday Club. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety.

Envelopes available at Central Office, NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

Sunlight of the Spirit
Sunday 7:30 AM
Fallon Recovery Association 141 Industrial Way Fallon NV

South Shore Group
Sunday 7 AM
372 Tallac Ave S. Lake Tahoe CA



BOOK OF THE MONTH
\$2 OFF

PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH
\$.40

Sunday morning Jelly Doughnuts
Sunday 9 AM
5947 Minaret Rd Mammoth Lakes CA




SERENITY MEETING
SUNDAY 9 AM
3085 JOHNSONVILLE RD. SUSANVILLE CA



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, the Basic Text for Alcoholics Anonymous



Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.



N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE

Last Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM
Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks
N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING
First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM
Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks
**N.N.I.G. MONTHLY
SPEAKER MEETING**
7:00 PM Silver Legacy - Silver Baron A
2nd Saturday of the month
N.N.I.G. H&I
Call Central Office
775-355-1511

CENTRAL OFFICE

IS OPEN ON SATURDAY
FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM!
STOP IN FOR A CUP OF COFFEE
AND FELLOWSHIP!

District Meetings

- DISTRICT-2** 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 Central Office
Zoom # 91904741396 Password D2
- DISTRICT 4** First Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm
Triangle Club OR Zoom ID: 916 3107 1014
PW: bestdamnd4
- DISTRICT 6** 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-
For information email
district6@nevadaarea42.org
- DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months
Call (760) 937-8407
- DISTRICT 10A** Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM
680 River St. Elko, NV
- DISTRICT 10B** Dark since 2017
- DISTRICT 11** Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM
- DISTRICT 12** 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457
Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV
- DISTRICT 14** 3rd Wed of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM -265
Bear Street in Kings Beach CA
- DISTRICT 16** Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month
Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae
Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM
- DISTRICT 18** DARK DISTRICT
- DISTRICT 20** Third Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, Aug & Oct
10:30 AM- Contact DCM @
district20@nevadaarea42.org for location
- DISTRICT 22** 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 6:30 PM @
Central Office

AREA CLUBS

Reno / Sparks Clubs

Alano Club Sparks, 1640 Prater Way (775) 359-2727
Driars Club Reno 345 S. Wells Avenue (775) 324-9210
Triangle Club Reno 635 S Wells Avenue (775) 324-7977

Clubs outside Reno/Sparks Area

Alano Club Carson City, 1800 HWY 50 East (775) 882-0443
Bishop Alano Club (760) 873-6700
Elko Alano Club (775) 738-4747
Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597
South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243

AA Area 42 Translation & Interpretation Committee



BILINGUAL SPANISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To help translate Area42 minutes, emails, guidelines,
etc.
Any proficiency level or none! Northern or Southern
Area

We meet online every 3rd Thursday at 530 pm PST

We welcome all interested or just curious!

Questions?
Call the Las Vegas Central Office:
(702) 598-1888
and ask that someone from the translation
committee contact you

Zoom ID: 474 938 3601
Passcode: Rule62

El servicio nos mantiene soberos
El servicio keeps us sober

We Are The
Sunshine Committee



Can You Help?

There are cases where sober AAs are unable to make it to meetings. They are in the hospital or physical rehabilitation hospital or are home-bound while they recuperate.

When you cannot attend meetings do you get 'squirrelly' or on edge? Be a part of carrying the message to those shut-ins by joining us as we trudge the road of happy destiny on the

Sunshine Committee!!

*Sobriety requirement—1 year
We will work with your schedule
Call: Ann. —650-290-4335
Email: aschwenderlauf@gmail.com*

CORRECTIONS SERVICE COMMITMENT

Lake's Crossing Center

INFORMATION:

Two meetings (with two chairs for each meeting)
on Monday nights at 6:00 pm

REQUIRED:

Background check for current cases

- Two step TB test

Orientation

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Thank you for your service!

STEP 3 Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2024

<u>Group</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
4th Dimension- ON-LINE	47.86	100.48	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		
A Way Home			Ladies of the Lake		
Alano Big Book Study			Ladies of The Evening		
Alano Brown Baggers		218.46	Mid-Day Group ON-LINE	25.00	25.00
Alano Jaywalkers			McGill NV Freedom Group		
Alano Living Sober			Lone Pine Group		45.00
Alano Open Heart Open Mind			Minden Language of the Heart		
Alano Sunshine Group	200.00	200.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		256.34
Alano Women in Recovery			Minden Stephanie Way Group	250.00	250.00
Amen Maintenance Meeting			Minden Wednesday Night Live		46.78
Back Room Group		98.73	Mt Rose Recovery Room	192.00	192.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night		321.00	Mt Rose Candle Light		150.00
Beginners are Winners On-Line Group		149.00	NNIG Business Meeting	23.00	64.00
Blairsdon Graeagle Sisters in Recovery			Old Time AA Group		68.42
Buena Vista Group			Positive Acceptance Group		547.16
Caring & Sharing in Stead		255.58			
Carson Big Book Experience			RTC Almost Heaven	100.00	300.00
Carson Brown Baggers		133.00	RTC Aloha Group		694.06
Carson Early Birds Phone Meeting		830.00	RTC Monday Night Mens	300.00	300.00
Carson Happy, Joyous and Free	292.85	292.85	RTC Beginners are Winners		968.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		500.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		
Carson Men's NO BS Stag	115.00	115.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		
Carson Sandbaggers			RTC Little Rascals	50.00	50.00
Carson Valley Gratitude			RTC Men's Trudgers	195.30	195.30
Chester Fellowship			RTC Not a Glum Lot		
Chester Saturday Night Group			RTC Monday Night Mens		
Chester Wednesday Women's Serenity			RTC New Awakenings Group		282.14
Choices		100.00	RTC Women's Just for Today	242.60	242.60
Cold Springs Book Study			Serenity on Sundays		
Cornerstone Group			Southside Group	150.24	361.71
Crazy Drunks			Silver Springs Groups		
Dayton Fellowship Hall			Sisters of Sobriety SOS	41.35	41.35
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62			Slide Mountain Candle light Group		
Dayton Red Rooster			Sunnyside Group		660.00
Dayton Sunday Morning			South Y Shore Lake Group	180.00	180.00
Decompression Chamber/online		141.12	Susanville Fellowship		
District 12			Serenity in the Sierrias Campou	500.00	500.00
District 14	50.00	100.00	Step 1	100.00	160.00
District 2	8.00	14.00	Westwood AA		
District 22	40.00	202.35	Tahoe City Fellowship		
District 6			Westwood Monday Night		
Double R at Noon			The Next Chapter	100.00	100.00
Driars Positive Step Grp			Weekend Warriors		15.63
Elko			The Shop		
End of the Road Group			Truckee River Men's Stag		600.00
Eye Opener			Truckee Dawn Patrol		
Eye-Opener Mid-Morning		6.50	Whole in the Soul		
Fallon Silver Lining			Truckee Fellowship		
First Responders	130.00	130.00	Verdi Greener Pastures		
Fernley Kiss			Whole in the Ground	350.00	350.00
Fireside Group		829.79	Westwood Back to Basics		21.00
Ground Zero			Wednesday Night Beginners Meeting		
Grupo Latino Reno			Happy Hour Reno		475.00
Grupo Accion	20.00	20.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	94.21	94.21
Grupo dia a la vez					
Grupo La Nueva Luz	5.00	25.00	The Rock Group		
Incline Village Fellowship			Yerington Group		
Inclined to be Sober			Winnemucca Serenity Seekers	50.00	90.00
Jamesville God Grant Me			Women's New Beginnings	350.00	600.00
Jamesville Women's Monday Night			Women's New Harmony		
Greenville Group	100.00	100.00	Young at Heart		100.00
Carson City Un Dia a La Vez	293.10	293.10			
			Total	4595.51	14,201.66

Tradition 3

NOVEMBER 1955

*Reserved for Members Only**BY: F. O. | SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a merry-go-round, that's what it is. And I have the strongest proof.**Every once in a while my old friends come to visit me. They visit me as they would visit a zoo to see that animal from out of their world, a sober man.**Those who have tried AA always say, "You know, I think I'll have to climb back on the Program again."**Those who have not tried our way of life are even more amazed and invariably comment: "Shay, you look good, fella, guess I'll give that thing a whirl."**Doesn't that prove my point? "Climb back on," "Give it a whirl"--these sure add up to a merry-go-round. But about that strongest proof, I am afraid I exaggerated. It is not usually more than 20%-by-vol., whatever proof that is.**It has been quite a few twenty-four hours since I was discharged from the hospital with a paper saying that further treatment would not be beneficial. Little could they know that the treatment was only beginning. But they were right in that they did not say I was cured, for I had committed myself as an alcoholic and for me there was no cure.**I had gone to the hospital better prepared than most because I had a fairly good idea what the hospital could do for me and, most important of all, what it could not do. I had had a good foundation in active membership in AA several years before. The principles had made so much sense to me that I had never doubted them drunk or sober. I simply wasn't ready.**I had taken the Twelve Steps very seriously. I had admitted, yes, and accepted, the fact that I was powerless over alcohol. But I had not realized, as so many do not, that there is actually a Step before the Twelve. So, after a glorious honeymoon, I reached a too common conclusion. I was smarter than my fellow-alcoholics, in fact, I was smarter than all of them put together. I had had a good background in psychology and I figured out the "cause" of my drinking.**Eureka! Given the "cause" I had the "remedy." I could "walk alone."**They say that laughter is good for the soul so go ahead and laugh. But, if you are an alcoholic, let**your laughter hide your tears at those famous last words, "I can walk alone." But this is not a dissertation on the need for AA meetings so I will skip over the years in which I walked, or should I say staggered, alone.**As I look back, I believe that the miracle of AA was working all through, my drinking days. After an attempted suicide and subsequent hospitalization, God turned His spotlight on Step Three and I made a radical change in my religious affiliation. It was a very happy change. . .but still I drank.**I went on periodic benders--of AA meetings. I was so desperate that I went the limit and even laid off the bottle for several days at a time! But over and over again AA "let me down 'cause no one understood me." Always there was a drink waiting just outside the door.**Then came one of those special days of hell with which God answers even drunken pleas for help. I came out of my purple fog to see my son, a fellow-alcoholic, standing by the mirror lighting a cigarette.**Suddenly his hair burst into flames. The fire was extinguished without much damage but, somehow, I stood in front of the mirror and saw myself and my life which had become completely unmanageable.**All that day and night I lay alone and thought (and drank without avail)--and thought some more. I cannot say that my thoughts were logical or even coherent but out of them sprang an idea which has obsessed me ever since.**AA has worked for hundreds of thousands but it had not worked for me. I believed in the Twelve Steps and found that they kept me sober for a time. I had been an active member. . . . Say, wait just a moment. Just how does one go about becoming a member of such a loosely organized body as AA? It has no dues or fees, I remembered that much.**I carefully reread a pamphlet which I had but it did not help much at first. AA was not "allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution" so my church didn't help or the fact that I am a Democrat. I love to argue but AA "does not wish to engage in any controversy." Shucks, there must be a membership requirement somewhere!**Then, to my confusion, I found it so plainly written that even a fool like me could read it: "The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to*

stop drinking." That was the Step before the Twelve that I had never taken seriously.

Then it was that I became a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for the first time. The subsequent hospitalization was simply to dry out and to think out my new way of life.

Now I am going to risk excommunication and let you into a secret known only to the initiates of AA. The next time that AA appears like a merry-go-round that you "climb on" and "take a whirl" be sure you do it like this and you're in, pal, you're in:

Just walk up to some AA group, give them a hand and they will give you the grip of fellowship. Then say very simply, "I am powerless." That's the password, see? Now they will look at you with a certain scepticism, perhaps, even yet. Many phonies have learned the grips and passwords. But now comes the proof.

You will proudly, yet humbly, flash your "membership card" which you must carry with you always and show at any time when you are challenged by anything in your daily life. On that card will be emblazoned in the gold of sincerity, "I have an honest desire to stop drinking."

Then you will find the great secret of AA. It ain't a merry-go-round at all. It is a through express heading for a glorious future. But every seat in it has a big sign on it:

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Is It Wrong to Feel Proud?

BY: L.A. | CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
A Young Man Raises A Point. . . .

A YOUNG man raised an interesting point at a meeting the other night. "I try not to," he explained, "but I find myself thinking that I am a better man than I was when drinking. I feel a sense of goodness about it all that I frankly like. I respect myself, and think that I am doing well. I can't seem to help but feel proud about it, and I am worried about whether that is bad thinking."

The answer, in my opinion, is no. The answer is no just so long as this young man remembers that it is AA, and the power of its Program, that is the source of such feelings.

I, too, feel very good about what I am today. What I am, I mean, as compared with my dreadful drunkenness, with all its sickness of mind and soul that I now understand.

But I remember that this goodness of mind and heart comes only from my being a part of AA, and its power, which certainly is greater than myself. I never forget that, and I am deeply convinced that I again would be a lost soul, in the sea of alcoholism, were I to think otherwise.

I feel good, in other words, about being a part of AA, with the Grace of God that it means to me.

And there is nothing bad, surely, about feeling good, and having respect, about being a part of Alcoholics Anonymous!

In fact, there is in me a humble pride. It stems from the miracle that has come to me, the miracle of the knowledge of the experience of AA, by which I am no longer hopeless and helpless.

It is a pride for living which I like to think I share with the power that is the source of the strength of the tens of thousands of alcoholics who are AA. It is a pride in which I daily try to be worthy of the goodness, cleanliness and happiness which is AA, and which I can gratefully share.

I even like to think there is dignity to AA. I no longer am forced to slink through the alleys of life, and I now feel good about being able to walk erect, once again, in all my affairs. In many ways, I like to think that I am a better man, that there is dignity to AA, and that I am a part, however small, of it.

Yes, truly there is dignity to AA, and all the tens of thousands who are a part of this wondrous way of living. The dignity is there just so long as we do not forget its source, that power by which AA is able to offer so much to so many of us. I speak of what I choose to call the Grace of God.

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RULE 62

A guy walks into a bar and asks for 10 shots of the establishment's finest single malt scotch. The bartender sets him up, and the guy takes the first shot in the row and pours it on the floor. He then takes the last shot in the row and does the same.

The bartender asks, "Why did you do that?" And the guy replies, "Well, the first shot always tastes like crap, and the last one always makes me sick!"



A duck walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'd like to buy some peanuts."

The bartender says, "Sorry, don't sell peanuts." The duck leaves.

The next day, the duck returns and again says, "I want to buy some peanuts." The bartender replies, a bit gruffly this time, "I already told you I don't sell peanuts." The duck leaves.

The next day, the duck comes in once again and yet again demands, "I want to buy some peanuts!" The outraged bartender yells back, "I told you, I don't sell peanuts! If you ask one more time, I'll nail you to the wall!" The duck leaves.

The next day, the duck walks into the bar and before the bartender can say a word, the duck asks, "Do you have any nails?" The bartender looks taken aback and says quietly, "Sorry, don't have nails." The duck asks, "Well then, do you have any peanuts?"

I may look like I'm
LISTENING
TO YOU, BUT
in my head I'm
RECITING
THE SERENITY
prayer



**12 Steps! (hiccup) I can't
even take one!**



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NNIG Intergroup Office

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