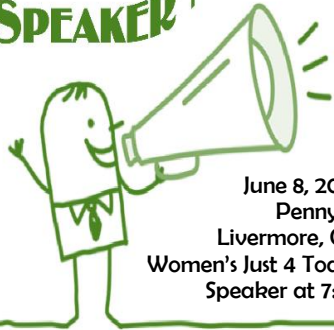


# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



June 8, 2024  
Penny P.  
Livermore, CA.  
Women's Just 4 Today  
Speaker at 7:00

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

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## THE BRACER



Rancho San Rafael Park

### JUNE 1959

The Fundamentals--In Retrospect

**BY: DR. BOB | AKRON, OHIO**

September 1948

THE feeling one belongs to and has a definite personal part in the work of a growing and spiritually prospering organization for the release of the alcoholics of mankind from a deadly enslavement is always gratifying. For me, there is double gratification in the realization that more than 13 years ago, an All-wise Providence, whose ways must always be mysterious to our limited understandings, brought me to "see my duty clear" and to contribute in a decent humility, as have so many others, my part in guiding the first trembling of the then infant organization, Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is fitting at this time to indulge in some retrospect regarding certain fundamentals. Much has been written, much has been said about the 12 Steps of A.A. These tenets of our faith and practice were not worked out overnight and then presented to our members as an opportunist creed. Born of our early trials and many tribulations, they were and are the result of humble and sincere desire, sought in personal prayer for Divine guidance.

As finally expressed and offered, they are simple in language, plain in meaning. They are also workable by any person having a sincere desire to obtain and keep sobriety. The results are the proof. Their simplicity and workability are such that no special interpretations, certainly no reservations, have ever been necessary. And it has become increasingly clear that the degree of harmonious living which we achieve is in direct ratio to our earnest attempt to follow them literally under Divine guidance to the best of our ability.

YET, withal, there are no "shibboleths" in A.A. We are not bound by the thongs of theological doctrine. None of us may be excommunicated and cast into outer darkness. For we are many minds in our organization and an A.A. decalogue in the language of "Thou shall not" would gall us indeed.

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A A's

## Recovery Step Six:

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Three

## Unity Tradition Six:

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

Legacies

## Service Concept Six:

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

### Concept 6

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have. The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of AA Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.’s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.’s “bankers,” overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.’s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions. Bill makes the point that although “our objective is always a spiritual one,” nevertheless our world service is a “large business operation.” “Indeed,” he says, “our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a ‘holding company.’

And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two ‘subsidiaries’ (A.A.W.S and AA Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

“This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.”



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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 1-6



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



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

**July 13, 2024**  
**Heather S. Reno, NV**  
 Host Group- KISS Group

**August 10, 2024**  
**Deanna S. Reno, NV**  
 Host Group- Minden/Garnerville

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

## FOUNDERS DAY 2024

**June 22nd**  
 11AM–3PM

**BURGERS & HOT DOGS**  
**SIDE DISHES PROVIDED**

Rancho San Rafael Park  
 "Peavine Pavilion"  
 1595 N. Sierra St  
 Reno

**RAFFLE!**  
 VOLLEYBALL!  
 HORSESHOES!  
 CORN HOLE

**POTLUCK**  
 DESSERTS  
 CHIPS (PACKAGED)



**\$5 Suggested Donation**



Dr. Bob  
 Bill W.

**NNIG 2024**

## Gratitude Dinner



**NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Silver Legacy's Reno Ballroom

# OTHER AREA EVENTS

### THE BIGGEST LITTLE RAINBOW+ AA CAMPOUT 2024 FUNDRAISER EXTRAVAGANZA



**JOIN US FOR BBQ HOT DOGS, TYE DYEING & POOL PARTY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
 12-4 p.m.  
 581 Casazza Dr., Reno  
 \$15 pre-reg on Venmo (@Ashley-Mau) & \$20 day of event




- Please bring item to tye dye
- Sides, snacks & dessert potluck
- Speaker at 3 p.m.: Bel F., Honolulu
  - Bring your own chair
  - Bring your own swim wear

## Smoky Valley Fellowship Annual Campout In the Heart of the Toyabies

**June 21,22,23**  
 Kingston Canyon  
 At the Forest Service Campsite/Groves Lake

For more info.....call  
 Chip 702.308.1428

**SERENITY IN THE SIERRAS XXXV**  
 JULY 11-14, 2024




...AN EXPERIENCE YOU MUST NOT MISS.

Camp Richardson "Eagle's Nest"  
 South Lake Tahoe, CA  
 July 11-14, 2024

Online Registration Open  
[serenityinthesierras2024.eventbrite.com](https://serenityinthesierras2024.eventbrite.com)  
 or

SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE



If you have any questions  
 Call: Joel B. (775)544-5115 or Amber V. (775)500-1163  
 Email: [serenityinthesierras@gmail.com](mailto:serenityinthesierras@gmail.com)

## Central office report from Ronda H. May 2024

The book of the month is "ANY Grapevine 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](mailto:officemanager@nnig.org) to be added to this once-a-month email.

Volunteer Hours: 112 Hours

Calls into Central Office: 148

- Calls for AA help - 3
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 3
- Meeting information - 22
- Retail / merchandise - 8
- Other 12-step programs - 4
- Events - 11
- New to AA/ Talked with - 2
- Business/Central office- 59
- Visitors - 277 -Dogs- 3
- Texts - 8

Ronda H.  
Central Office Manager



### Previous Birthdays

- April  
Ron T. 13 Years
- March  
Kim D. 47 Years  
Kent L. 42 Years
- February 2024  
Jack W. 39 Years
- December 2023  
Scan S. 34 Years  
Mark U. 10 Years  
Cindy 35 Years
- November 2023  
Scan L. 32 Years  
Rich M. 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. 30 Years  
Joann P. 11 Years
- JUNE  
Ann G. 19 Years  
Paul C. 32 years  
Kyle 41 Years

## May 2024

Donn T. 34 YEARS

Faith has to work 24 hours a day in and through us, or we perish. 88p.16



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

Five N Live  
Saturday 5:15 PM  
Alano Club  
680 River St.  
Elko, NV

After-Shifters  
Alano Club  
180 E William  
St.#5  
Carson City, NV

ANY GRAPEVINE BOOK  
**\$2 OFF**

Brown  
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Discussion  
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Alturas, CA

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FEVER  
1631 ESMERALDA  
PL  
GARDNERVILLE NV.

# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous



## 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 6:30 Central Office  
**DISTRICT 4** First Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm  
Triangle Club OR Zoom ID: 916 3107 1014  
PW: bestdamnd4  
**DISTRICT 6** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-  
For information email  
[district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto: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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:district20@nevadaarea42.org) for location  
**DISTRICT 22** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 sobrios  
El service 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  
'squirrely' 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](mailto:aschwenderlauf@gmail.com)

Help is needed!

The A.A. 12-Step Call List has been  
recently updated and the list was  
drastically reduced.

This service is a vital part of A.A.  
There are also shifts that need to be filled  
on the answering service.

All areas in Northern Area 42 are needed.

775-355-1151

Please call the Central Office to be added to the list.  
One year of sobriety is requested.



When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want  
the hand of A.A. to always be there and for that I am  
responsible.

## Sixth Step Prayer

Dear God, I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects of character which I now realize are obstacles to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself and guide me toward spiritual and mental health.

## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2024

Group	May	YTD	Group	May	YTD
4th Dimension- ON-LINE	25.28	183.80	A Vision for You		175.00
A Way Home		641.27	Happy Hour Reno		475.00
Alano Big Book Study			Kindred Spirits		250.00
Alano Brown Baggers		26.10	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		
Alano C ST. Discussion	65.00	65.00	Ladies of The Evening		
Alano Jaywalkers		491.67	Ladies of the Lake		
Alano Living Sober			Lone Pine Group		45.00
Alano Open Heart Open Mind	50.00	50.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		
Alano Sunshine Group	200.00	400.00	Mid-Day Group ON-LINE		70.00
Alano Women in Recovery			Minden Language of the Heart		
Back Room Group		167.87	Minden Saturday Night Fever		256.34
Back to Basics Saturday Night		471.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group	198.00	448.00
Beginners are Winners On-Line Group		589.50	Minden Wednesday Night Live		46.78
Bishop High Sirra Group		103.65	Minden/Gardnerville Group		94.21
Blairsden Graeagle Sisters in Recovery			Mt Rose Big Book Study		
Blue Room Group	61.88	61.88	Mt Rose Candle Light		150.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		561.21	Mt Rose Recovery Room		858.60
Carson Alano Club		211.00	NNIG Business Meeting	29.00	185.50
Carson Big Book Experience			Old Time AA Group		68.42
Carson Brown Baggers		303.00	Portola Group		100.00
Carson City Un Dia a La Vez		293.10	Positive Acceptance Group		547.16
Carson Early Birds Phone Meeting		1180.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group		
Carson Happy, Joyous and Free	146.40	439.25	RTC Almost Heaven	100.00	500.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		500.00	RTC Aloha Group	598.91	1292.97
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		115.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		968.00
Carson Sandbaggers	100.00	300.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		110.00
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		225.60	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Chester Fellowship			RTC Men's Trudgers	193.30	388.30
Chester Saturday Night Group			RTC Monday Night Mens		300.00
Chester Wednesday Women's Serenity Choices		100.00	RTC Monday Night Mens		
Cold Springs Book Study			RTC New Awakenings Group		498.42
Cornerstone Group			RTC Not a Glum Lot		
Crazy Drunks			RTC Women's Just for Today		242.60
Dayton Fellowship Hall			Serenity in the Sierras Campout		500.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62			Serenity on Sundays		
Dayton Red Rooster	767.60	767.60	Silver Springs Groups		
Dayton Sunday Morning			Sisters in Sobriety	32.75	32.75
Decompression Chamber/online		382.49	Sisters of Sobriety SOS		41.35
District 12			Slide Mountain Candle light Group		
District 14	50.00	250.00	South Y Shore Lake Group		180.00
District 2	14.00	38.00	Southside Group	166.96	829.95
District 22	40.00	321.35	Step 1		160.00
District 6			Sunnyside Group		1240.00
Double R at Noon			Susanville Fellowship	100.00	100.00
Driars Positive Step Grp			Tahoe City Fellowship		100.00
Elko			The Next Chapter		100.00
End of the Road Group			The Rock Group		297.59
Eye-Opener Mid-Morning			The Shop		
Fallon Saturday Grapevine	100.00	100.00	Truckee Dawn Patrol		
Fallon Silver Lining		31.50	Truckee Fellowship		
Fernley Kiss			Truckee River Men's Stag		600.00
Fireside Group		829.79	Verdi Greener Pastures	100.00	200.00
First Responders		130.00	Wednesday Night Beginners Meeting		
Galena Friday Night		50.00	Weekend Warriors		15.63
Greenville Group		100.00	Westwood AA		
Ground Zero	329.40	329.40	Westwood Back to Basics	86.08	107.08
Grupo Latino Reno			Westwood Monday Night		
Grupo Accion	30.00	50.00	Whole in the Ground		350.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz		75.00	Whole in the Soul		
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		12.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers	50.00	230.00
Grupo Volver A Empezar		20.00	Women's AA Literature		50.98
Incline Village Fellowship	96.75	96.75	Women's New Beginnings		765.50
Inclined to be Sober			Women's New Harmony		35.00
Jamesville God Grant Me			Yerington Group		200.00
Jamesville Women's Monday Night			Young at Heart		100.00

**Total**      3731.31      25,419.91

May 1948  
 Tradition Six  
 BY: BILL W.

The sixth of our 12 Points of A.A. Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the A.A. movement to money and property.

Too detailed to print here, this Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an A.A. group must ever be on guard.

Tradition 6 also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the A.A. name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the A.A. name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual A.A.s who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the A.A. movement to its sole aim and insure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that A.A. itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we A.A.s have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well meaning donor present an A.A. group with a sizeable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bank roll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other

organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not A.A.?"

Of course, we of A.A. would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their life blood. But money is *not* the life blood of A.A. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The care of our A.A. procedure is "one alcoholic talking to another," whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all A.A. needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars a piece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, *our* expenses!

Nowadays, the A.A. group answers its well wishers saying, "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"



Look at our 12 Points of A.A. Tradition. No random expressions these, based on just casual observation. On the contrary, they represent the sum of our experience as individuals, as groups within A.A. and similarly with our fellows and other organizations in the great fellowship of humanity under God throughout the world. They are entirely suggestive, yet the spirit in which they have been conceived merits their serious, prayerful consideration as the guidepost of A.A. policy for the individual, the group and our various committees, local and national.

We have found it wise policy, too, to hold to no glorification of the individual. Obviously, that is sound. Most of us will concede that when it came to the personal showdown of admitting our failures and deciding to surrender our will and our lives to Almighty God, *as we understood Him*, we still had some sneaking ideas of personal justification and excuse. We had to discard them but the ego of the alcoholic dies a hard death. Many of us because of activity have received praise not only from our fellow A.A.s but from the world at large. We would be ungrateful indeed to be boorish when that happens yet it is so easy for us to become, privately perhaps, just a little vain about it all. Yet, fitting and wearing halos is not for us.

WE'VE all seen the new member who stays sober for a time, largely through sponsor-worship. Then maybe the sponsor gets drunk and you know what usually happens. Left without a human prop, the new member gets drunk too. He has been glorifying an individual instead of following the Program.

Certainly we need leaders but we must regard them as the human agents of the Higher Power and not with undue adulation as individuals. The 4th and 10th Steps can not be too strongly emphasized here--"*Make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. . .continue to make personal inventory. . .promptly admit it when we are wrong.*" There is your perfect antidote for halo-poisoning.

So with the question of Anonymity. If we have a banner, that word, speaking of the surrender of the individual--the ego--is emblazoned on it. Let us dwell thoughtfully on its full thereby to remain humble, modest, ever-conscious that we are eternally under Divine direction. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS was nurtured in its early days around a kitchen table. Many of

our pioneer groups, some of our most resultful meetings and best programs have had their origin around that modest piece of furniture with the coffee pot handy on the stove.

True, we have progressed materially to better furniture and more comfortable surroundings, yet the kitchen table must ever be appropriate for us. It is the perfect symbol of simplicity. In A.A. we have no V.I.P.'s nor have we need of any. Our organization needs no title-holders nor grandiose buildings. That is by design. Experience has taught us that simplicity is basic in preservation of our personal sobriety and helping those in need.

Over the years we have tested and developed suitable techniques for our purpose. They are entirely flexible. We have all known and seen miracles--the healing of broken Individuals, the rebuilding of broken homes. And always, it has been the constructive personal 12th Step work based on an ever upward-looking faith which has done the job.

IN as large an organization as ours, we naturally have had our share of those who fail to measure up to certain obvious standards of conduct. They have included schemers for personal gain, petty swindlers and confidence men, crooks of various kinds and other human fallibles. Relatively their number has been small, much smaller than in many religious and social uplift organizations. Yet they have been a problem and not an easy one. They have caused many an A.A. to stop thinking and working constructively for a time.

We cannot condone their actions, yet we must concede that when we have used normal caution and precaution in dealing with such cases, we may safely leave them to that Higher Power. Let me reiterate that we A.A.'s are many men and women, that we are of many minds. It will be well for us to concentrate on the goal of personal sobriety and active work. We humans and alcoholics on strict moral stock-taking must confess to at least a slight degree of larcenous instinct. We can hardly arrogate the roles of judges and executioners.

Thirteen grand years! To have been a part of it all from the beginning has been reward indeed.





## RULE 62

### Tough love

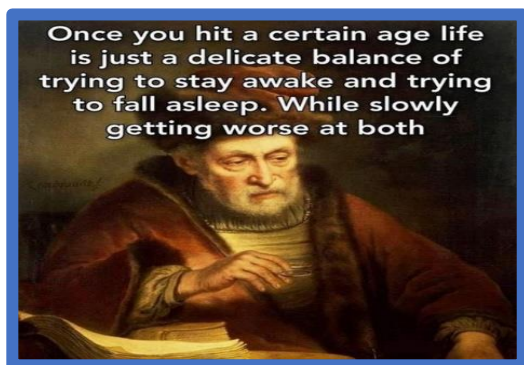
Three drunks were sitting at a bar bragging about how they had trained their wives.

The first drunk married a woman from Idaho. He said he told her that she was to do the dishes and the house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and all the dishes washed and put away.

The second drunk said he could beat that. He said he was married to a woman from Virginia. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, the dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day things were better. By the third day, the house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third drunk married a woman from New York. He said he ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye. By the fourth day he was able fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher.

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### Shopping day

A woman came home from the store with two cases of beer, three bottles of wine, a bottle of whiskey, and two loaves of bread. "Are we expecting company?" her husband asked.

"No," she replied.

"Then why did you buy so much bread?" he asked.

### The difference between your sponsor and a therapist

- 1) Your sponsor isn't all that interested in the reasons you drank.
- 2) Your therapist thinks your root problem is your lack of self-esteem, negative self-image and your poor self-concept. Your sponsor thinks your problem is a three-letter word with no hyphens: You.
- 3) Your therapist wants you to pamper your inner child. Your sponsor thinks it ought to be spanked.
- 4) Your sponsor thinks your inventory should be about you, not your parents.
- 5) Speaking of your parents, your sponsor tells you not to confront them, but to make amends to them.
- 6) The only time your sponsor uses the word "closure" is before the word "mouth."
- 7) Your therapist wants you to love yourself first; your sponsor wants you to love others first.
- 8) Now that you haven't had a drink in six months, your therapist thinks you should make a list of your goals and objectives for the next five years, starting with finishing up that college degree. Your sponsor thinks you should start today by cleaning the coffeepots and helping him carry a box of literature to the jail. Oh yeah...and making your bed.



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