



September 12
Chad L.
Tacoma, WA
Host group-
Beginners are
Winners

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

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THE BRACER



NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Return to sender

By: Joseph S. | Reno, Nevada

With a little help from his sponsor, the Big Book and the U.S. mail, he finally took the action to heal the past with his dad.

After I'd been in the program for about three months, I started getting into the Steps, slowly. I kept hearing that the Fourth Step was really scary. But when I got to that Step, I thought all the people who said it was scary were nuts.

Writing about all the people that I was upset with, man, that was easy. However, looking at my part in these conflicts was not as easy. But I kept at it. I did the Fourth Step in the way my sponsor "suggested" and soon had a four-column inventory, just like the Big Book talked about. Being a rebel, I didn't write it down by hand. I typed it out. Then I hit print and had it in black and white in front of me.

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A A's

Recovery Step Nine:

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

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Unity Tradition Nine:

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Legacies

Service Concept Nine:

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Concept IX

Bill begins this discussion of concept 9 by saying that the success of any service structure always depends on the quality of the persons available to carry out the jobs that need to be done. In A.A., this starts at the group level with the selection of its General Service Representative and extends with increasing importance through District Community Members, Area Committee persons, Conference Delegates and Members of the General Service Board. A.A.'s long-term success depends on the selection of the best persons available at each job level.

Discussions of quantities of good leadership is central Concept IX. Bill begins his discussion by setting up two opposite and extreme situations putting “principles before personalities”, carried to an extreme, would set up a rather faceless group of automatons trying to please everybody. At the other end would be leaders who are “...people of the most sterling judgment, morals, and inspirations; big doers, prime examples to all and practically infallible.” Real leadership falls somewhere between these two extremes, being neither either faceless or without personality differences, nor perfect.

Here are some of the bullet points drawn directly from Bill's discussion of good leaders in A.A.

- They lead by example they do not govern by mandate.
- They ornate plans, policies and ideas for innovation while also consulting wildly with others.
- They are neither overbearing “power drivers” nor meek “order takers”
- They never passed the buck, but take effective action within the framework of their defined authority and responsibility.
- They recognized that even prideful and angry people can be right while the humble may be quite mistaken.
- They listened carefully to their critics and others who disagreed with them.
- They respect the quality of “give and take” being willingness to compromise cheerfully.

Bill continues to discuss *vision* as another attribute of leadership. By vision, he means “...the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and more distant future. Tolerance, responsibility and flexibility are other leadership attributes are needed along with vision.

Every leader does have all the needed skills and experiences. Talents vary greatly among our members. Because of this, it is important to have sound methods for selecting leaders. At many levels of the A.A., leaders are selected by what is called the “Third Legacy” method, which means selecting persons who either receive a two-thirds majority in a voting process or ,in the case of no one receiving the majority by lots (drawing names from a hat). Over the years this has proven to be the most successful A.A. leader selection method. People with good combinations of skills and talents as well as good leadership attributes always seem to emerge from this procedure.

This is a 12-part series written by members of the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada. Efforts were made to use simple, everyday language. Each concept is written by an individual member of the group and is not necessarily the opinion of AA as a whole or NNIG. We hope this series will help our community to understand the Concepts and bring interest to those wanting to know more about them. Revised May, 2017.

NNIG & AREA EVENTS

NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings
Meetings held 2nd Saturday of the month
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



September 12, 2026
Chad L.-Tacoma, WA.
Host Group - Beginners are Winners

October 10, 2026
Speaker - TBD
Host Group- Almost Heaven

November 7, 2026
Tom B. -Reno NV
Host Group – Eye Opener

December 12, 2026
Speaker- TBD
Host Group- TBD

NNIG Speaker Chair: John G. – 805-450-3934
Need more info call: Central Office - (775) 355-1151
Join us for dinner at Café Central ~5 pm with the speaker.

OTHER A.A. EVENTS

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EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA
INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE & INTERGROUP

NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP PRESENTS

GRATITUDE DINNER

NOVEMBER 14, 2026
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
ATLANTIS BALLROOM
3800 S. VIRGINIA ST
RENO, NV 89502

FEATURED SPEAKER
DEB H – AKRON, OH
DINNER • FELLOWSHIP • RAFFLE

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THIS YEAR'S THEME: Gaunt Prospector
(Big Book, Chapter 9, pg 128-129)

The Dayton Red Rooster Presents

DAYTON VALLEY ANNUAL PICNIC

September 20th, 2026 10:30am to 1pm
Dayton State Park

SPEAKERS: JUDY F AND COWBOY STEVE FROM TUOLUMNE CA
LIVE MUSIC: DIRT ROAD RAMBLERS
HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS WILL BE PROVIDED
WATER, COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED
BRING A SIDE-DISH, DESSERT OR DRINKS

BBQ Party
BASKET RAFFLE
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

\$5 PARKING FEE PAID TO THE PARK

NNIG Halloween Costume Party

5:00 P.M. Saturday October 24th
3925 Neil Rd
Reno NV 89502

Speakers
Cale & Jenn T.
Gorge Town, CA

Spooky Dessert Contest \$25 winner
\$5 suggested contribution

Children's Costume Contest
Tacos!!
3 for \$7 or
6 for \$12

Raffle Raffle Raffle

Meetings and More

Central office report from

Ronda H. September 2026

We still have plenty of Daily Reflections! If you or your group would like some copies of these books, please drop in the office for your copies. Just remember the books are unsellable, give away **ONLY**.

Volunteer Hours: 95 hrs.

Calls into Central Office: 118

- Calls for AA help - 9
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 2
- Meeting information - 26
- Retail / merchandise - 11
- Other 12-step programs - 1
- Events – 19
- New to AA/ Talked with - 4
- Business/Central office- 38
- **Visitors – 274 -Dogs- 7**



Texts – 7 Phone calls on the text Phone- 0

*Ronda H.
Central Office Manager*



Birthdays for the month August

Debbie 16 years!!

Previous Birthdays
June of 2026

Cassie L. 4 YEARS

Teri G. 13 YEARS

Paul C. 35 YEARS

May 2026

Luis S. 3 Years

Donn T. 38 Years

April 2026

Nancy M. 33 Years

Ron T. 15 Years

March

Rent L. 44 YEARS

Darrell S. 19 YEARS

Kim B. 49 YEARS

February

Jack W. 41 Years

Tom C. 43 Years

January

Chip C. 42 Years

December

Ronan G. 42 Years

Cindy M. 37 Years

Sean S. 36 Years

November

Sean L. 34 Years

October

Sharon T. 41 Years

September

Angela 2 years

Mark H. 30 Years

Dave 40 Years

Phil 49 Years



"The difference between me and God is that God does not want to be me".



Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today be featured in the Bracer

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Show your Support for your NNIG & Central Office, join the Birthday Club.

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NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives



You are receiving this email because several treatment facilities would like to offer AA meetings, but we have not been able to recruit enough AA secretaries and chairpersons.

To chair a meeting, you should have **at least six months of sobriety**. The commitment is for **3-6 months**.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support AA members in treatment. Your willingness to serve can make a meaningful difference in someone's recovery.

If you are interested in serving as a secretary or chairperson, please call or text:

- **Michael:** 360-556-6955
- **Dan:** 775-527-9546

NEW LOCATION!!

A NEW FREEDOM

OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

SUNDAYS @ 10:30Am

Reno Triangle Club UPSTAIRS IN ROOM 3

635 S Wells Ave

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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
3835 Lakeside Dr. Reno NV 89509 or virtually
ID: 831 8146 4811 PW: ZoomAA1

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
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IS OPEN ON SATURDAY
FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM!
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AND FELLOWSHIP!

District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 Central Office

DISTRICT 4 Fourth Thursday of every other even month,
6:00 pm
Central Office OR Zoom ID: 819 5830 2884
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 times 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 424
Greenbrae Blvd 6:45PM

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

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

"You may not have gone to jail or prison, but
you know how to stay out of it."



NNIG Corrections Committee has volunteer opportunities to take meetings
into various correctional facilities.

For more information, please email Correction Chair: luis4720nv@gmail.com or
call NNIG Central Office at 775-355-1151.



ALL AREA 42 MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP
TRANSLATE MINUTES, EMAILS, GUIDELINES, ETC.
PROFICIENCY IN SPANISH **NOT**
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NEED TO SPEAK SPANISH.

ZOOM
MEETING
THIRD
THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH
@ 5:30 PM PST

FOR MEETING ID & PASSCODE:
please contact the email below

Questions? ... email
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Ask that someone from the translation
committee contact you

NNCC - AA H&I OUTREACH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT
SEAN L 775-450-0276

Help bring Alcoholics Anonymous
meetings and the message of
recovery to people who are
incarcerated.

Wednesday Mornings at 10AM

Ninth Step Prayer

*Higher Power, I pray for the right attitude to make my
amends, being ever mindful not to harm others in the
process. I ask for Your guidance in making indirect amends.
Most important, I will continue to make amends by staying
abstinent, helping others, and growing in spiritual progress.*

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2026

Group	August	YTD	Group	August	YTD
Last Call		4.65	Happy Hour Reno		666.50
4th Dimension- ON-LINE		241.00	Kindred Spirits		485.00
A Way Home	484.09	1637.10	Kings Beach AA Golden Group		441.97
Back Room Group		411.90	Lone Pine Group		250.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night		499.75	McGill NV Freedom Group		20.00
Beginners are Winners On-Line Group		1676.00	Mid-Day Group On-Line		112.81
Bishop Circle in the Park		14.00	Minden Language of the Heart	50.00	100.00
Bishop High Sierra Group	74.11	252.34	Minden Saturday Night Fever		569.10
Blairsdon Graegle Sisters in Recovery		100.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group		375.00
Buena Vista Group			Minden/Gardnerville Group	180.00	840.21
CACYPAA			Minden/Gardnerville Wednesday Night Live		77.80
Caliente AA			Mt Rose Big Book Study		500.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead		776.52	Mt Rose Men's Group		
Carson After Shifters		283.91	Mt Rose Recovery Room	159.20	1165.34
Carson Alano Club			NNIG Business Meeting	71.00	600.75
Carson Big Book Babes	40.00	90.00	Old Time AA		82.58
Carson Big Book Experience		40.00	Our Common Welfare	67.00	560.00
Carson Brown Baggers		136.75	Our Group		165.00
Carson Early Birds	263.85	605.85	Portola Group	200.00	600.00
Carson Early Birds Phone Meeting	120.00	673.33	Positive Acceptance Group		518.70
Carson Happy Hour		890.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group	60.00	105.00
Carson Happy, Joyous and Free		17.38	Roadside Group		
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		339.40	RTC Almost Heaven		248.53
Carson Men's NO BS Stag	64.00	257.00	RTC Aloha Group		2211.50
Carson Only Way Home		388.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		900.00
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		76.40	RTC For the Effect		230.00
Chester Fellowship	120.00	330.00	RTC Just for Today Women		309.45
Chester Saturday Night Group		295.92	RTC Little Rascals		
Choices			RTC Men's Trudgers	200.00	394.91
Cold Springs Book Study		344.93	RTC Monday Night Mens		624.00
Cornerstone Group		255.00	RTC New Awakenings Group		871.39
Dayton Red Rooster		2096.98	RTC Not a Glum Lot		85.00
Dayton Sunday Morning			Serenity on Sundays	200.00	700.00
Decompression Chamber/online	72.90	757.18	Sisters in Sobriety		133.85
District 12		200.00	Sisters of Sobriety SOS		162.70
District 14			Slide Mountain Candle light Group		35.50
District 2	16.00	71.50	South Y Group	15.00	105.00
District 22	150.00	1180.00	Southside Group	645.90	1019.76
District 6			Slide Mountain Serenity		51.20
Driars A Vision for You		100.00	Sparks Sunshine		183.00
Driar's Nickle		360.00	Sunnyside Group		1720.00
Driar's Support Hose			Tahoe City Fellowship		
Elko Exhale Group			The Blue Room	47.74	194.14
End of the Road Group			The Next Chapter		200.00
Eye Opener On-line		9.34	The Rock Group		570.05
Eye Opener		2108.79	The Shop		
Fallon Language of the Heart			Truckee Dawn Patrol		
Fallon Saturday Grapevine			Truckee Fellowship		
Fallon Silver Lining		50.00	Truckee River Men's Stag		3250.00
Fallon The Week That Was		50.00	Verdi A Dedign for Living		250.00
Fernley Groups		520.00	Verdi Meditation	175.00	175.00
Fireside Men's Stag		167.37	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		
First Responders			Warriors in Recovery		
Galena Friday Night		200.00	Wednesday Beginners are Winners		436.37
Genoa Roadside Group		96.00	Westwood A.A.	33.05	86.05
Greenville Group		50.00	Whole in the Ground	240.00	897.13
Ground Zero	211.86	596.00			
Grupo Accion	10.00	90.00	Whole in the Soul		100.00
Grupo Fe Y Esperanza			Winnemucca Serenity Seekers	60.00	180.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	110.50	Women's Down and Dirty		
Grupo Latino	75.00	75.00	Women's New Beginnings		1079.00
Grupo Nueva Esperanza		58.00	Women's New Harmony		300.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	70.00	Young at Heart		200.40
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	40.00	160.00			
Grupo Una Vision en El Lago		5.00	Living Proof	48.00	48.00
Grupo Vivendo Sobrio		400.00			
Inclined to be Sober		97.18	Men of the Mountains	97.35	97.35
Jamesville God Grant Me					
Sparks Dawn Patrol	10.00	10.00			
Sparks Jaywalkers		1095.62			
Sparks Open Heart Open Mind		346.50			
Sparks Sunshine Group	18.75	205.55			

Total **4,349.80** **48,258.68**

Return to Sender continued from page 1

The biggest resentment I had was toward my father, who had certainly done more harm to me than I had to him. Even after I did my Fifth Step, I still had a major resentment toward my father. I could be sitting in a meeting and someone would be talking about his or her dad and I would get mad. They didn't even have to be talking about problems with fathers, it could be about the good times they were having with them now in sobriety and I'd be mad as a wet hen.

At one point I was told to try the "Page 552 trick," which refers to the story "Freedom From Bondage" in the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, which mentions praying for the person that you have the resentment against. You pray that they have all the good things you want in life. Do this for two weeks and by the time you're finished you will find you mean it.

Well, I did this for a full month every morning, and at the end I still sat in meetings getting angry when someone would talk about his or her father.

By three years in the program, I was on my third sponsor. The first two had both gone back out. "Isn't it time you did something about the resentment and the amends for your father?" my new sponsor said.

I reluctantly agreed to write to my father. So I typed up the letter and emailed it to my sponsor, asking for his opinion on what I had written. He responded by removing this and adding that. After sending the email back and forth a number of times, we came to an agreement. We hit a meeting after that and went to a local burger shop to talk it over. I read the letter again and we agreed it was ready to be sent.

Now, the Big Book talks about being willing, and I was still not really willing to send that letter. So when my sponsor said, "Send it," I handed him the letter, an envelope and a \$1 bill to buy a stamp. "I'm not going to send it," I said. He chuckled as he took the letter from me and said, "Good enough."

That meeting with my sponsor was on a Saturday. When I returned home from work the following Thursday, I checked the mailbox and the letter was in it. On it was written: "Return to sender."

I looked at the envelope in shock. I pulled out my cell phone and called my sponsor. I asked him to guess what was in the mail. He guessed it was a letter from my dad. Nope. I told him it was the very same letter we had sent. It was back. We talked about what that meant.

Since the day I got home and found the letter in my mailbox, my resentment is gone. I did my part. It's not up to me how my dad accepts or rejects my attempt to make things right. It's up to me to make the effort. That isn't to say that he and I are on speaking terms today, but I can share this story or hear others talk about their fathers without getting upset now.

About two years after all this happened, my sister contacted me saying that if I wanted to talk to our dad I had better hurry because his health was failing. "The last time I sent him a letter it came back unopened," I told her, and she thought that over. "Don't try to contact him," she said. "He has not changed."

I spoke with my sponsor at the time and he asked how long had it been since I had thought about my dad. It was hard to answer that question, as the resentment was gone.

Tradition Nine

By: Bill W.

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. (from the August 1948 Grapevine)

The least possible organization, that's our universal ideal. No fees, no dues, no rules imposed on anybody, one alcoholic bringing recovery to the next; that's the substance of what we most desire, isn't it?

But how shall this simple ideal best be realized? Often a question, that.

We have, for example, the kind of AA who is for simplicity. Terrified of anything organized, he tells us that AA is getting too complicated. He thinks money only makes trouble, committees only make dissension, elections only make politics, paid workers only make professionals, and clubs only coddle slippers. Says he, let's get back to coffee and cakes by cozy firesides. If any alcoholics stray our way, let's look after them. But that's enough. Simplicity is our answer.

Quite opposed to such halcyon simplicity is the AA promoter. Left to himself, he would "bang the cannon and twang the lyre" at every crossroad of the world. Millions for drunks, great AA hospitals, batteries of paid organizers, and publicity experts wielding all the latest paraphernalia of sound and script; such would be our promoter's dream. "Yes, sir," he would bark. "My two-year plan calls for one million AA members by 1950!"

For one, I'm glad we have both conservatives and enthusiasts. They teach us much. The conservative will surely see to it that the AA movement never gets overly organized. But the promoter will continue to remind us of our terrific obligation to the newcomer and to those hundreds of thousands of alcoholics still waiting all over the world to hear of AA.

We shall, naturally, take the firm and safe middle course. AA has always violently resisted the idea of any general organization. Yet, paradoxically, we have ever stoutly insisted upon organizing certain special services; mostly those absolutely necessary to effective and plentiful Twelfth Step work.

If, for instance, an AA group elects a secretary or rotating committee, if an area forms an intergroup committee, if we set up a foundation, a general office, or a Grapevine, then we are organized for

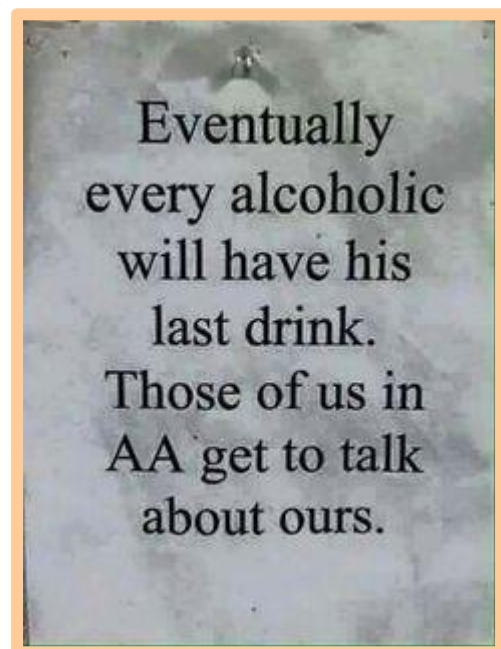
service. The AA book and pamphlets, our meeting places and clubs, our dinners and regional assemblies--these are services, too. Nor can we secure good hospital connections, properly sponsor new prospects, and obtain good public relations just by chance. People have to be appointed to look after these things, sometimes paid people. Special services are performed.

But by none of these special services has our spiritual or social activity, the great current of AA, ever been really organized or professionalized. Yet our recovery program has been enormously aided. While important, these service activities are very small by contrast with our main effort.

As such facts and distinctions become clear, we shall easily lay aside our fears of blighting organization or hazardous wealth. As a movement, we shall remain comfortably poor, for our service expenses are trifling.

With such assurances, we shall without doubt continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry our AA message to others; to make for ourselves a finer, greater Society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity.

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RULE 62

A man tells his doctor that he's been having trouble with his drinking and thinks he may be an alcoholic.

The doctor tells his patient that alcoholism is not his specialty, but he does know of one test that's accurate at telling whether or not someone is an alcoholic.

The doctor then walks over and opens the front door of his office and asks his patient to stand in the doorway. The man agrees. The doctor then instructs him to hold out his hand. The doctor places a glass of water in the man's hand and tells him to close his eyes and pretend it's a mixed drink. The man does what he asks.

The doctor then shoves him out the door. The man falls down several steps onto the sidewalk, twisting his ankle and banging his head.

The patient shouts out, "I didn't spill a drop!"

The doctor smiles. "See?" he says. "Only an alcoholic can do that trick."

A company's personnel office received an email from someone requesting a listing of the department staff, broken down by age and sex.

The office sent back this reply: "Attached is a list of our staff. We currently have no one broken down by age or sex. However, we do have a few alcoholics."

At his regular Saturday night meeting, a guy walks over to a woman he's never seen there before. "Are you new here?" he asks. "Yes, it's my first time," she replies. "I just got out of prison." "Welcome," he says. "What did you go to prison for?" "I murdered my husband," she replies. "Ahh, so you're single," he says.

A group of newcomers in AA gathered to plan a birthday party for their sponsor, who was celebrating 10 years of sobriety. The newest member called a bakery to order the cake. The bakery employee asked, "And what would you like the cake to say?" The newcomer covered the phone and asked his buddies, "Do we want a talking cake?"

Two drunks are well into their liquid lunch. One drunk says to her friend, "She said, *what?* Tell me more!"

Her friend looks around, takes another long pull of her martini and says, "I've already told you more than I know!"



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