

# The DIALog



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## From the Director:

Thanks to everyone for participating in our 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in September. We have CD's of the speakers available in the office. A very special thanks to our volunteers for all their hard work to make this event a success.

Arthur S. donated some wonderful material to the Dallas Intergroup Archives, and it seems fitting to include some information from our DIA Newsletter 40 years ago. At that time it was called *Scoop from the Groups*. September 1970: vol. 1, No. 3.

Most group news included birthdays or changes in schedules. Groups mentioned include: Preston, Garland Group, Irving, Oak Cliff, Haskell Group, Mesquite Group, Wynne-Oak Group, Latin-American Group (they had a new 24 hour phone service through the Fina Station on Haskell), 24 Hour Group, Town North, Bruton Terrace, Grand Prairie (a new group at the time), Harbor Group, Suburban Group, Lewisville, Market Group, Belmont, Belwood Club, Mesquite Big Town.

Other news included the first City Jail meeting on July 16, attended by 15 men; Seagoville Young People attended the ICYPAA in Fort Worth and a short article about why we still put only \$1 in the basket. 43 years later and we are still hearing this. On the financial side, salaries had not been paid in two months. Group contributions were \$452.00.

Groups might be interested in having the member information from this publication. I will try to get it scanned and available to you in October.

- Janis R, Executive Director

## Singleness of Purpose Unites While Keeping Us Focused

by Larry J., Traditional Group, Greenville, SC  
(formerly of the Big Book in Dallas)

Several years ago I attended a meeting of AA in a city

several miles away from home. The speaker that evening was obviously both alcoholic and addict.

His total focus was on his drug addiction and this went on for quite a long while. About 35-40 minutes into this talk, my friends and I decided to walk out of the meeting, and so we did.

Our actions did not go unnoticed, as we were sitting in the rear of the room.



I really didn't get a good feeling as to what we were doing, but I just didn't want to hear any more of the talk. We couldn't relate. We were not hearing any experience, strength, and hope in regards to alcoholism.

Several months, or maybe even a year later, another member and I were in a nearby town doing a workshop and this member I speak of was in attendance.

After the workshop, he approached us individually and thanked us for leaving the meeting he was speaking at months earlier. He said at first he felt we were being pretty rude but realized later how inappropriate his talk was.

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## My First Sober Funeral

by Kate C. Clean Air

We buried my 27-year-old cousin yesterday. Adam was the passenger of a drunk driver, his new boss.

The news of his death sent shock waves through our whole family. My father was so sad when he called with the news.

Adam and I were Facebook friends so I immediately started checking his updates as his friends left post after post about what an amazing guy he was.

The cousins called me Auntie, because I was their mothers' ages, and

Adam's siblings and cousins were left hurting and in a state of disbelief.

I prayed and prayed but also wanted facts. I read over the news article to find the driver's name and hometown. I Googled him, then used images to search him further. The mug shots that came up for former DUIs sent chills down my spine. I began to judge him as he lay in critical condition in a local hospital. Was

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# The Inquiring AA Member by Rosanne G., DIALog Reporter

## *Why is singleness of purpose important to AA?*



### **Jay B.-Step Up**

Alcoholics struggle with denial. Singleness of purpose helps keep focus on the solution. If AA had multiple purposes, there would need to be multiple solutions for the multiple troubles. Our common problem is alcoholism. We need a common solution. Without our common solution to alcoholism, we will not recover.

### **Mary M.-The Gift**

Singleness of purpose provides AA unity. As the book says, we are a di-

verse group. Our singleness of purpose keeps our diverse group unified. If we are diverted from our singleness of purpose by politics, for example, our focus will shift. Our singleness of purpose is *to not drink*.

### **Jim E.-McKinney Miracle**

I used to attend a meeting in another state that was next door to a halfway house for meth addicts. The meth addicts had nowhere else to go for meetings so they attended our AA meeting. As a group we tried to fix meth addicts. Personally, I tried to sponsor a couple of them. It didn't work. We had no experience with meth addiction and it harmed our group. I thought I had the answers but the experience contributed to my slip. I had to get back to basics. As AAs, we really don't know about 'other stuff.' We can't place anything in front of sobriety. If I stick with the basics, I'm gonna stay sober and you will, too.

### **Beth S.-New Freedom**

My home group is a strong group that lives by the traditions. If a newcomer should identify him or herself as an addict, the person would be asked, "Do you have a desire to stop drinking?" If the answer is "No," the person would be told that the meeting is an AA meeting and that AA has a single goal which is to reach alcoholics with a desire to stop drinking. We would wish the person well but suggest that they leave AA to find the group equipped to help with their problem. Singleness of purpose is important because our goal is to help other alcoholics and not deal with other issues such as depression, politics or drug addiction.

### **Rhonda M.-Cornerstone Group**

To me, singleness of purpose is along the lines of 'how can I help another alcoholic stay sober?' If an alcoholic is going to a meeting focused on drugs, gambling, food, etc., they probably won't hear anybody talking about how they

stay sober and just not drink. In those meetings, they may have advice on how to kick a meth habit or what to do next when they can't stay out of a casino, but they probably are not going to talk about not drinking and the problem of alcoholism. That is why there are so many "anonymous" groups, to help different people with different addictions.

### **John G.-Coppell Group**

Being here for the alcoholic is what keeps me sober and giving back. I've been around 22 years, and it's important for me to carry the message. AA has given me a lot of gifts. It's not necessary to say you're an addict when you're in an AA meeting. Just stick to alcohol.

### **C.C.-Primary Purpose**

I get to work directly with the alcoholic. The Big Book on page 44 asks, "If and when you wanted to stop drinking entirely, could you?" I found I could not. I am a true alcoholic and can only share that experience, strength and hope. I do have experience with drugs but when I wanted to stop entirely, I did, without any struggle. It would be misleading to work with straight addicts because drugs were not my bottom. Alcohol was.

## **Do You Facebook, Twitter or Blog?**

Our literature states that the "greatest single protection that the AA fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth" is anonymity.

"When using digital media, AA members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others."

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From New York GSO ... MG-18*

### *Celebrating 66 Years of Service*

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# A Message to the Alcoholic/Addict ... Singleness of Purpose

by Anonymous

A few years ago I discovered that I was one of a supposedly dying breed, something called a “pure alcoholic” who came to AA because I had trouble with booze. Other drugs just didn't interest me; I had enough trouble with alcohol, thank you.

I struggled to learn sobriety because I was hearing about many things with which I could not identify, such as procurement, processing, and ingestion of various leaves and powders and rocks and pills that could produce a high. I clung to the people who talked about booze and drinking because that was what I understood.

Fortunately, I got sober and have been able to be sober continuously so far. My invitation to you today is to consider two things:

1. **Singleness of Purpose** is not a new issue; letters and articles clearly describe how singleness of purpose evolved as far back as 1949, when AA was only 15 years young, more than 70 years now.
2. **Singleness of Purpose** is not a statement against addicts. I know more people who are both alcoholics and addicts than are plain alcoholics.

In a politically correct world, just the fact that there may be more of them than plain alcoholics would dictate that the majority rules and that AA just has to learn to change with the times. But that is not the case, as AA has such a thing as **Singleness of Purpose**. And it exists for a reason.

My intent here is not to give an AA history lesson; if you want to find out how the primary purpose evolved, you

can read such publications as *Problems other than Alcohol*, *The AA Group*, *Language of the Heart*, *The Open / Closed Meeting Card* (the blue card), and the Third Tradition Chapter in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

What I want to ask the addict/alcoholic is this: do you suppose that, for the hours you are in an AA meeting, your focus could be on your alcoholism? Is it really asking too much to request that you **not** focus on the drug portion of your story for one hour out of twenty-four in deference to an organization that exists for alcoholics, and which has lovingly included you because we want to help anyone who wants to stay away from a drink today?

We are not asking you to pretend you aren't an addict; we are not even asking you not to mention drugs. We are only asking you to focus on alcoholism.

I don't think even the toughest old-timer would tell you that you should never mention drugs. But to spend 30 minutes of a 35-minute story talking about drugs other than alcohol is unfair to the thousands of AA's who have no idea what you are talking about.

Maybe this will drive the point home; if you are both alcoholic and an addict you could go to Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Drug Addicts Anonymous, Crystal Meth Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous, Pills Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous to get the help you need.

If you are an alcoholic, where can you go?

Alcoholics Anonymous is all the alcoholic has, and it means the difference between life and death on many a day.

Would you sacrifice someone's life

for the sake of pulling AA into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? I hope it has not come to that.

A drunk stockbroker and a drunk doctor who helped a drunken lawyer get sober started this organization.

The drunk stockbroker was also a drug user, but drugs are not even mentioned in his story. You find out about his drug use when you read biographies and histories of AA.

Our singleness of purpose says we do one thing, and we do it well. We don't try to save the world from all its ills; we try to save drunks.

That's how Bill and Bob and the first one hundred or so wrote the Big Book. They didn't say to any alcoholic, who has other addictions, “Don't come.”

They said, “Come let's deal with the alcoholism. The rest we'll deal with outside the meeting.” And I believe that's what AA is saying today to the alcoholic/addict. Please come. Please recover. And please respect AA's **Singleness of Purpose**.



Bill Wilson,  
co-founder of  
Alcoholics  
Anonymous

Singleness of  
Purpose, 1957

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# Problems Other Than Alcohol (excerpts)

by Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous



The following excerpts from a Grapevine article by AA's co-founder Bill W. represent principles which have been reaffirmed

by the members of the AA General Service Conferences of 1969, 1970, and 1972.

"The problem of drug addiction in its several forms lies close to us all. It stirs our deepest interest and sympathy. Many AA's, especially those who have suffered these particular addictions, are now asking, "What can we do about drugs-within our fellowship, and without?"

"Specifically, here is a list of questions we are often asked:

1. "Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an A.A. member? **No.**

2. "Can such a person be brought, as a visitor, to an open AA meeting for help and inspiration?" **Yes.**

3. "If so, should these nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe that they have become AA members?" **No.**

4. "Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of A.A.?" **Yes.**

"Now there are certain things that AA cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our desires or sympathies may be. Our first duty, as a fellowship, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity.

"Sobriety — freedom from alcohol — through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make non-alcoholics into A.A. members. We have

to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our AA groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.

"I see no way of making non-alcoholics addicts into AA members. Experience says loudly that we can admit no exceptions, even though drug users and alcoholics happen to be first cousins of a sort. If we persist in trying this, I'm afraid it will be hard on the drug user himself, as well as on AA. We must accept the fact that no nonalcoholic, whatever his affliction, can be converted into an alcoholic ... and an AA member.

"We cannot give AA membership to nonalcoholic addicts. But like anyone else, they should be able to attend an open A.A. meetings, provided of course, that the groups themselves are willing."

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## At the Expense of Others

by J. H. (Grapevine March 1992)

"I'm an alcoholic and a drug addict. I have to say this for me. I know this is a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous but..."

I used to think I had to share about my drug use. After all, AA teaches us to be rigorously honest, doesn't it?

And as a younger person in AA, I was different than a lot of the older, "pure" alcoholics, wasn't I? Nobody is going to tell me what to say. Nobody did, either. (A couple of old-timers took me aside after the meetings to talk about this, but I dismissed them.)

One night, I was talking in the park-

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## Faithful Fivers: Would you like to be one?

**F**aithful Fivers are AA members who in gratitude pledge to contribute at least five dollars each month toward the support of Dallas Intergroup Association, DIA. This

contribution gives AA members the opportunity to practice the Seventh Tradition regularly and painlessly by pledging \$5 or more a month to the DIA. We can set up an automatic credit card deduction, or you can send in a check once a month or whenever you choose. Call 214-887-6699 to set up monthly contributions.

The DIA is totally supported by AA groups and individuals. DIA has monthly expenses of \$15,000 or \$180,000 annually. In 2012, AA groups contributed on average \$5,700 per month, totally \$65,646.80 for the year. The rest was contributed by individuals who may contribute up to \$3,000 per year. Those contributions are tax deductible.

**Yes! I want to be a Faithful Fiver.**

Mail in your contribution to:

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## Washington Pledge

We, whose names are affixed, desirous of forming a society for our natural benefit, and to guard against a pernicious practice, which is injurious to our health, standing and families ~ we do pledge ourselves as gentlemen, not to drink any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider.

## What Happened to the Washingtonians?

The Washingtonian Temperance Society started in May 1840 by six Baltimore drinking buddies who decided to write and sign a pledge stating that they would no longer consume alcohol. This six-person pledge began to turn into one of the largest movements in America.

By the end of 1841, Washingtonians claimed that over 200,000 had signed their pledge, and by 1842 they had recruited over one million people.

The Washingtonians tried to save the world, first drunks, then they got into the abolition of slavery, the temperance movement, all sorts of thing, and they collapsed. By 1848, the Washingtonian movement had “destroyed itself completely and dropped out of sight.

The Washingtonians showed AA what could happen if it didn’t stay focused on its primary purpose — carrying the message to the alcoholic.

## Tradition Five

*Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Tradition Five-Long Form*



Dr. Vincent P. Dole

Alcoholism and drug addiction are often referred to as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.”

Alcoholics and non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to AA and encouraged to attend AA meetings.

Anyone may attend open AA meetings. But only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings or become AA members.

People with problems other than alcoholism are eligible for AA membership only if they have a drinking problem.

Dr. Vincent Dole, a pioneer in methadone treatment for heroin addicts and for several years a trustee on the General Service Board of AA, made the following statement:

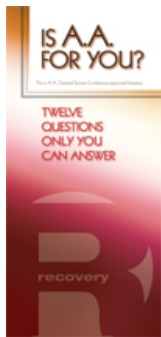
**The source of strength in AA is its single-mindedness.**

**The mission of AA is to help alcoholics.**

**AA limits what it is demanding of itself and its associates, and its success lies in its limited target.**

**To believe that the process that is successful in one line guarantees success for another would be a very serious mistake.**

Consequently, we welcome the opportunity to share AA experience with those who would like to develop Twelve Step/ Twelve Tradition programs for the non-alcoholic by using AA methods.



## Pamphlet review: *Is A.A. for You?*

by Rosanne G., DIALog Reporter

**B**efore I ever stepped into an A.A. meeting, I had no idea I was an alcoholic. As I have heard people say in meetings, “I didn’t become an alcoholic until I started going to A.A.” I actually went to my first meeting to prove to someone else that I wasn’t an alcoholic. I thought I would go to the group of experts on alcoholism — the alcoholics at the meeting — and they would tell me, “Oh, no, honey, you’re not an alcoholic. You can just go on home.” Instead, I met a

group of hopeful, happy people who were excited that I was at my first meeting. All they told me was, “Welcome home,” and “Keep coming back.” I was so impressed with the love and honesty in those people that I did come back. And I haven’t had the need to drink in seven years. When I read the pamphlet, *Is A.A. for You?*, I thought, “This is the questionnaire I thought I would have to fill-out in order to ‘qualify’ for AA. I KNEW there was a test!”

Obviously there is no ‘test’ to qualify as an alcoholic. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. The pamphlet is a useful tool for the person who wonders about their drinking. It starts out with the statement, “Only you can decide whether you want to give A.A. a try — whether you think it can help you.” It contains some experience, strength and hope about how those in AA had to admit they could not drink safely. It then presents 12 questions for the person who wonders whether A.A. can help. If the honest answer to four or more questions is “Yes,” then the person can see that he or she has a problem with alcohol, or, as the pamphlet puts it, “We were in deep trouble with our drinking.” The first question is “Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days?” Question Twelve is: “Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?”

If the reader answers four or more questions, ‘yes,’ the pamphlet says, “...you are probably in trouble with alcohol.” It concludes, “...we will be glad to show you how we stopped drinking ourselves. Just call.”



## Steps, Traditions and Concepts

**Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

1. The 12&12 says “good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage and prudence are the qualities we need to take Step Nine. Do I possess these attributes?
2. Do I need to talk with my sponsor before embarking on making my amends?
3. Should amends at this level always be forthright and generous?

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**Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program, even if no one makes me do so, with a sense of personal responsibility?

**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.**

1. Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?
2. Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them?”
3. Do I set a positive leadership example?

**Step Ten: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted.**

1. Is my first objective self-restraint?
2. What is the difference between a spot-check inventory and a nightly inventory?
3. What are the keynotes by which we may come into harmony with practically anybody?

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

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Ala-teen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion?”
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

**Concept Ten: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.**

1. Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?
2. Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority?”

# 10



Many AA events include potluck gatherings. **POTLUCK CORNER** recipes are easy to make and easy to transport. Anyone can do it!

### EASY PEACH COBLER

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 16 oz. can of peaches with liquid



Mix sugar, milk and flour, pour into buttered pan and pour in peaches. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes at 350.

Good all year-round. Yummy!

### Witty Wise & Whimsical

#### *Recovery quips and quotes heard in the rooms*

- \* Pick up a phone, not a drink.
- \* I really had an addiction to misery.
- \* I need meetings to decompress.
- \* Anger leaves you with a kind of a hangover.
- \* It's a lot of work hating everybody.
- \* Let go of the ideas that don't serve you.
- \* The past is not a hitching post.
- \* People are not afraid of death; they're afraid of living.
- \* I went to bed with people I wouldn't go to lunch with.
- \* A man seeking God is like a fish seeking water.
- \* You can't learn experience.



# At the Expense of Others...cont'd. from page 4

ing lot after a meeting of my home group. As the people cleared out, I realized there were just two of us left — myself and a newcomer. He was in his sixties. We got to talking and he actually seemed to be listening to me. I really felt amazed that a man old enough to be my grandfather would listen to me about anything, and especially about AA.



The meeting that night had been on Step One and many people, including me, recalled their use of drugs (some in great detail).

This man and I began to talk about the meeting and then he dropped a bombshell on me. He didn't think he qualified to be an alcoholic because he hadn't used any drugs. Here was a man who drank for more years than I have been alive (most of them, by his account, alcoholically), yet he didn't feel like he belonged in AA. And we were supposedly talking about alcoholism.

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking and that there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober.

Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but

were the details worth it at the possible expense of others? I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it more narrow. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't

belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

I guess I started to think just a little more about other people than I did about myself. So that's why some groups are so concerned about AA's singleness of purpose — some groups in my area even read a statement of singleness of purpose before their meetings. It isn't just to be tedious and nitpicky and to "bust chops," especially the chops of young people. It is so all alcoholics can feel that they belong once they get to AA.

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He also told us he had made a couple of talks since, with no mention of drugs, and the talks were well received. I was so impressed with this man that I invited him to my home group to speak. This man became one of the best members of our fellowship that you would ever want to meet.

So this example is concrete evidence that it is possible for a member who is both alcoholic and addict to speak at AA meetings and stay focused on our singleness of purpose.

# My First Sober Funeral ...cont'd. from page 1

this the right guy? Adam's new boss?

I began to obsess over this man and thought I should post his mug shot on Facebook. I wanted to rat him out to my family.

Then, a still, small voice told me to stop and calm down. I was judging when I had no right to judge. How many times had I driven drunk when I was trapped in my disease?

I called my sponsor and prayed some more. My sponsor told me to be of service to my family and recommended I keep my opinions and obsessions to myself.

I prayed and mourned and prayed and meditated. I spoke to Adam's mother and expressed my sympathy. I spoke to his grandpa, my uncle, and offered myself if anything was needed.

The day of the funeral, my daughter and I picked up my cousin and drove to the funeral. It was standing room only because he had so many friends. We transported the funeral flowers and sprays to my relative's house.

Afterwards, I was near his mother when she mentioned the family was going to visit Adam's boss who was now able to have visitors. They wanted to see him, before they drove back to Iowa, so they could forgive him.

Adam's 15-year-old sister and 19-year-old brother wanted to forgive him, too.

I am so grateful I kept my mouth shut. I am so grateful I was able to be of service to my family. I am so grateful that, because of my program of AA, I was able to be fully present for my family.

### Big Book Quiz (from the first 164 pages 4<sup>th</sup> Edition)

1. Having made our personal inventory, \_\_\_\_\_
2. If we skip this vital step, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. More than most people, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. His is very \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The rule is we must be hard on our self, \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Have we tried to make \_\_\_\_\_
7. Probably there are \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Under no condition do we \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Rarely do we fail \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Our drinking has made \_\_\_\_\_.

- Answers:
1. what shall we do about it?
  2. we may not overcome drinking.
  3. the alcoholic leads a double life.
  4. much the actor.
  5. but always considerate of others.
  6. mortar without sand?
  7. still some misgivings.
  8. criticize such a person or argue.
  9. to make satisfactory progress.
  10. us slow to pay.



# News, Updates & Events ... more on aadallas.org

## OCTOBER

**North East Texas Area 65 Presents the Annual Grape-A-Thon:** Saturday Oct. 19, 4 to 9 p.m. at The Chicago Group, Northway Christian Church at 7202 W. Northwest Hwy in Dallas. For more information, contact the Area Grapevine Chair at [neta65.org](http://neta65.org).

### McKinney Miracle Group-8th Anniversary

**Celebration:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. Fellowship, 5 p.m. pot luck dinner, 5:30 p.m. Al Anon speaker, 7 p.m. AA speaker; hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, & beverages provided by McKinney Miracle Group; lots of great side dishes, great conversation, and door prizes to be raffled off; 1615 W. Louisiana Pkwy in McKinney (Behind First Baptist Church, Portable Bldg #2).

### Town North AA Group Annual Halloween Party:

Saturday Oct. 19, 8 p.m. to midnight, 12895 Josey Ln., #213, Farmer's Branch. Bring the family. \$5 at the door and entry into a \$50 cash raffle. For more information, call 972-243-5999.

## NOVEMBER

**NETA 65 Traditions Q&A Workshop:** Saturday, Nov. 9, 2 to 5 p.m., Pecan Plantation, 9145 Plantation Dr., Granbury, food and fellowship. Speakers include Joe P., NETA 65 Past Delegate, Panel 57; and Janis R., Executive Director, Dallas Intergroup Association. Call 817-517-3850 or 254-459-1527 for more information. All are welcome.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Meridian Group of Alcoholics Anonymous:** Saturday, Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center at 300 N. Main (Hwy 144) in Meridian, starting at 4:30 p.m. chili pot luck, door prizes, and a speaker meeting with Jim W. from Taylor, TX.

### NETA Corrections Conference-*Experience,*

***Strength, and Hope:*** Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hurst, Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst, 76053. TDCJ Volunteer Application and beef brisket lunch provided. Call Dusty W. with questions, at 817-991-0813.

# Group Contributions August-September 2013

	Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013
A Daily Reprieve	131.22	0.00
Addison	30.00	0.00
Allen	50.00	210.00
Aquarius	75.00	0.00
Big Book	50.00	0.00
Big Book Saturday Men's	0.00	0.00
Bridging the Gap	0.00	0.00
Broad Highway	0.00	0.00
Bruton Terrace	0.00	0.00
Carrollton	200.00	200.00
Carry the Message	0.00	128.22
Casa	0.00	0.00
Chicago	0.00	45.00
Clean Air	37.50	150.00
Clean Air Garland	0.00	0.00
Clean Air North	1,513.42	0.00
Colony	20.00	0.00
Coppell	500.00	0.00
Cornerstone	250.00	0.00
Dallas North	450.00	450.00
Denton Unity	0.00	34.08
Downtown Group	30.00	0.00
Downtown Nooners	400.00	0.00
Duncanville	25.00	0.00
Ennis	0.00	0.00
Expect a Miracle	0.00	0.00
Frisco	0.00	1,803.97
Georgetown	264.00	495.00
Gift of Sobriety	0.00	20.00
Highland Park Tuesday Night	0.00	0.00
Highland Park Women's	160.00	0.00
Hope	0.00	0.00
Independence	0.00	0.00
Irving	0.00	0.00
Kessler Park	0.00	0.00
Lake Highlands	20.00	20.00
Lakeside Traditions	0.00	250.00
Lambda	0.00	0.00
Legacy	10.00	10.00
Lewisville	0.00	0.00
Little Elm	0.00	0.00
McKinney Fellowship	0.00	30.00
McKinney's Men's	0.00	0.00
McKinney Miracle	142.53	238.55
McKinney Serenity	0.00	0.00
Mesquite Big Town	0.00	0.00
No Hassle	0.00	488.83
Oak Lawn	0.00	0.00
ODAAT	0.00	225.00
Plano Serenity	0.00	0.00
Preston	0.00	0.00
Principle	0.00	0.00
Prosper Country	0.00	0.00
Ray of Hope-Seven Points	10.00	10.00
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson	30.00	30.00
Ross Avenue	10.00	10.00
Rowlett	65.00	20.00
Seniors in Sobriety	0.00	0.00
Serenity Circle	0.00	0.00
Simply AA	0.00	0.00
Singleness of Purpose	0.00	0.00
Southwest Clean Air	60.00	45.28
Stemmons	0.00	0.00
Sunday Morning Live	0.00	0.00
Terrell Group	30.00	0.00
Town North	30.00	30.00
Town South	10.00	0.00
Traditional	0.00	160.00
Van Alstyne	0.00	0.00
Waxahachie	0.00	0.00
Whiskey and Milk	0.00	477.00
White House	50.00	50.00
Wylie	10.00	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,663.67</b>	<b>\$5,640.93</b>