

AREA 8, DISTRICT 11

JUNE, 2014 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11

Our district meeting has increased in attendance the last couple of months. Greater attendance means greater involvement from our groups within the district. This makes for a far more informed district and enables us to serve our groups better.

Part of the district responsibility is to strengthen the groups through service work so that we can ensure that AA is here for us in years to come. So as a District we are preparing workshops for the upcoming months that will help gather people from our district to come and enjoy some fellowship and learn a little more about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have put together our next workshop for July and it will be a movie night featuring Bill's Story. This is a great opportunity to gather groups and enjoy an evening as a district eating popcorn and learning perhaps some history of AA. We look forward to planning another workshop during the holiday months as well.

WENDI H. – Alt. DCM District 11

A Joke

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3:00 in the morning!' He slams the door and returns to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife.

'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answers.

'Did you help him?' she asks.

'No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!'

'Well, you have a short memory,' says his wife. 'Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!'

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?'

'Yes,' comes back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' calls out the husband.

'Yes, please!' comes the reply from the dark.

'Where are you?' asks the husband.

'Over here on the swing,' replied the drunk.

District 11 presents:

Movie
Night



A comfortable event to learn more about the history of Alcoholics Anonymous from one of its founders

When: Friday July 18th, 2014

6PM-9PM

Doors open @ 6PM first Movie @ 6:30PM

Where: St Andrews Church

8350 Lake Murray Blvd

San Diego, CA 92119

Schedule: 6:00-6:30 Snack time & Fellowship

6:30-6:50 Movie "It sure beats sitting in a cell"

6:50-7:15 Intermission & Fellowship

7:15-8:15 Movie "Bill's Own Story"

8:15-9PM Drawing & Clean-up

Popcorn, Candy, Healthy Snacks, Sodas, Water & Coffee will be provided

There'll be a drawing for (2) 75th Anniversary first edition Big Books following the last showing

Sponsored by District 11

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!!

CALENDAR OF JUNE EVENTS

JUNE 10TH Founder's Day Movie "My Name is Bill W. 9:00 La Paloma in Encinitas.

JUNE 14TH Area 8 GSR Conference. Saturday June 14th at 9:00 AM. Methodist Church in Mission Valley. This conference focuses on the post conference report from our Delegate.

A SHORT NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR—WENDI H.

Thank you for reading and supporting our new district newsletter. Input from our members is what makes this possible. We love to publish events in the district, birthdays and articles featuring members as well as groups. Please send any relevant submission to today1996@yahoo.com. Thank you for letting me be of service.

STEP, TRADITION, AND CONCEPT OF THE MONTH

STEP 6: *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character*

“If we can answer to our satisfaction, we then look at step six. We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all – every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.”

¹ *The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*
Page 76

TRADITION 6: *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.*

“Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is “cooperation but not affiliation.” A group cooperates, for example, by welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. But in one area, money for a rehab was solicited at an A.A. meeting—implying affiliation. In another, A.A. was listed among beneficiaries of a United Fund drive....”

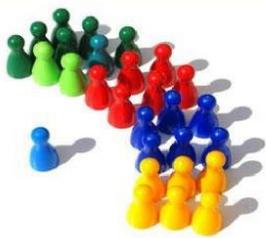
² *The Twelve Traditions Illustrated*

CONCEPT 6: *While the trustees hold final responsibility for AA’s World Service Administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and their service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.*

“Members of this group,” declares Bill, “not only support the leadership of the trustees: they share leadership with them.”

³ *The Twelve Concepts Illustrated*

Southern Cal Speakers
Alcoholics Anonymous



**JUNE 5TH, JULY 5TH
AND AUGUST 2ND
SOUTHERN CAL
SPEAKERS MEETING
CANCELLED**

First meeting of the month for June, July and August cancelled.

Meetings will return
to normal in
September

Business meeting
second Saturday

First meeting of the
month cancelled for
three months only

Check out our
website for previous
speakers

**SOUTHERN CAL
SPEAKERS**
6301 Birchwood
San Diego CA.

Southerncalspeakers.org

June 5th
July 5th
August 2nd

JUNE GLOOM? A WORD ON DEPRESSION FROM BILL W.

“Suddenly I realized what the matter was ... My basic flaw had always been dependence, almost absolute dependence on people or circumstances to supply me with prestige, security, and the like. Failing to get these things according to my perfectionist dreams and specifications, I had fought for them. And when defeat came so did my depression.

There wasn't a chance of making the outgoing love of St. Francis a workable and joyous way of life until these fatal and almost absolute dependencies were cut away.

Reinforced by what grace I could secure in prayer, I found I had to exert every ounce of will and action to cut off these faulty emotional dependencies upon people, upon AA, indeed upon any set of circumstances whatsoever.

Then only could I be free to love as Francis had. Emotional and institutional satisfactions, I saw, were really the extra dividends of having love, offering love, and expressing a love appropriate to each relation of life.”