

Big Book®

Bonfire

Bonus!!!

For those who missed it, we will be sharing some of the favorite words chosen from the Big Book® by **Anonymous A.A. Members**

“Read this Book...”

“We think that laughter and cheerfulness make for usefulness.”

Have some fun!!

Find the page without google!!

At least, we know which book!!

This column will be a regular feature until all of the “bonfire” favorites have been printed.

Thanks for sharing!!

Alcoholics Anonymous® never ceases to amaze me and that may be the reason I keep coming back. It is magic, pure magic. I am sure this real alcoholic/jaywalker would have stopped going, if there wasn't something in it for me, something that makes me want to come back and back and back, no matter what.

I know, over the years of my sobriety, I have had many motivations to show up to a meeting, but whatever the cause, even if my motives were selfish, IT still worked, even when I was unaware of its power. The power of A.A. meetings continues to change me. I am aware of this strength today, and it only gets stronger as long as I keep going.

My truth is this: I know A.A. is still where I need to be, often, thank goodness, and IT continues to allow me to trudge this road of my destiny, happy or not, one day at a time. - - Fran S.

District 55 Newsletter

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Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! -- District 55 Spring Picnic at New Place!!
Agnew Helpful Neighbors Club, 1241 N. Barr Rd., Port Angeles

On April 25, District 55 Activities Committee will host the Spring Picnic.
Festivities begin with Setup at 8:30 AM, and the Meeting is at 10 AM.

Service Volunteers are needed!!!

If you want to help, contact Rhonda at 55activities@olypen.com.

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP ALL AFTERNOON!! JOIN IN!!!

All A.A.s, Families and Friends are Welcome!!

The 16th Olympic Round-up Celebrates Recovery Through Action

Friday -Sunday, May 15-17, 2015

At the Vern Burton Convention Center

308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA

The weekend includes speakers, panels and workshops, plus lots of time to fellowship! A couple of meals, an ice cream social, a costume party and a dance are part of the fun. **Look for flyers** at your home group or ask your GSR for one!! Registration: Full Weekend for **\$20**, or a Day Pass for **\$15**.

For more information: go to www.olympicroundup.org

Or email Terri at info@olympicroundup.org

To volunteer your service, email: volunteers@olympicroundup.org

Please share your stories of recovery, unity and service through the District 55 Newsletter. Please send your articles to dist.55.news@gmail.com

Thoughts on Tradition Four

Short form - "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Long form - "With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

"Just as AA gives each member great freedom --- both as a means toward recovery and as a blessing of recovery --- AA gives the groups great freedom through our Tradition of group autonomy.

On the individual level, you're a member when you say you are. The same principle applies to the AA groups --- you're a group when you say you are."

Joel C., Pacific region trustee,
January 31, 2015

Bill was passionate in his defense of this principle; here's a quote from a July, 1946 Grapevine article, "The Individual in Relation to AA as a Group":

"So long as there is the slightest interest in sobriety, the most unmoral, the most antisocial, the most critical alcoholic may gather about him a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a new Alcoholics Anonymous group has been formed. Anti-God, anti-medicine, anti our recovery program, even anti-each other - these rampant individuals are still an AA group, if *they think so!*"

Language of the Heart®, (p. 33)

"The AA Traditions are neither rules, regulations, nor laws. We obey them willingly because we ought to and because we want to. Perhaps the secret of their power lies in the fact that these life-giving communications spring out of living experience and are rooted in love."

From *AA Today*®, excerpted in *As Bill Sees It*®, (p. 319)

"I prefer to think of myself as a custodian of the Traditions, rather than a guardian of the Traditions. Guardians use swords and spears; custodians use mops and brooms."

Jim H., An AA old-timer, was able to mop up a potentially messy situation by using a lighter touch.

D.C.M. Report Good day to all out there in District 55!

What a wonderful and beautiful place we live in! We have the opportunity to be of Service here! I had a great time at the Quarterly. It was my second Quarterly as D.C.M. for District 55. I'm grateful to have a home group that has three past Delegates and one past Trusted Servant. We have the opportunity to pick their minds for Experience, Strengths and Hope, which is so helpful. Being elected D.C.M. without being an Alternate D.C.M. is a different experience. Thanks to my Higher Power! My Higher Power, and all my previous service work as a G.S.R. and Activities Chair, has made this experience easy! I believe that we have a good District, and that we have the opportunity for more growth and involvement from all the Groups in District 55. We, the Trusted Servants, are working on new ideas from within District 55 and all our Groups. We are trying to get an updated handbook for District 55. We are putting together a committee that we hope our groups will participate in. We are also putting together a steering committee for a budget review. We have recently gone out on our own to gain some independence and get our own answering service with an 800 and a local number. We are making progress in District 55 sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly, but they do materialize, if we work for them.

Right? - In Service, Jerry G.

<><><><><> Deadline for submitting items for the May Newsletter is May 10

⇒⇒⇒⇒ ALL A.A.s ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!

- *District 55 Business Meeting is every third Sunday at 5PM, in basement of St Luke's on 5th.
 - *District 55 Activities Committee meets every third Sunday at 4PM, in basement St Luke's.
 - *Combined District 55/22 Corrections Committee meets every second Sunday at 4PM at 711 East Second Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362 - Male volunteers are especially needed.
- <> District 55 AA Hotline - Pick your time to answer 12-Step calls!!! - Contact Dana C.
New AA Hotline numbers for Sequim are 360-797-0259 and 877-682-4143