

# Michigan City Daily Reprieve

## Step 7

**H**umbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, P. 70

The subject of humility is a difficult one. Humility is not thinking less of myself that I ought to; it is acknowledging that I do certain things well, it is accepting a compliment graciously.

God can only do *for* me what He can do *through* me. Humility is the result of knowing that God is the doer, not me. In the light of this awareness, how can I take pride in my accomplishments? I am an instrument and any work I seem to be doing is being done by God through me. I ask God on a daily basis to remove my shortcomings, in order that I may more freely go about my A.A. business of “love and service.”

DAILY REFLECTIONS, p. 199

## Tradition Seven

**“E**very A.A. group ought to be full self-supporting, declining outside contributions. The A.A. Groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. Treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. Purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

### *“The Seventh Promise”*

We will lose interest in self-  
ish things and gain interest  
in our fellows.



## Concept VII

*The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. Purse for its final effectiveness.*

## Seventh Step Prayer

“My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength as I go out from here, to do Your bidding. Amen.”

### *Just for today,*

I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests; hurry and indecision.

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS



George P	7/4/1988	24 years
Denise W	7/5/2006	6 years
Darlene C	7/7/1991	21 years
Ron S	7/8/1987	25 years
Steve L	7/19/2006	6 years
Sherry M	7/21/1984	28 years

**Happy Birthday to All!**

To publish announcements of AA Birthdays celebrated by members each month, send name and number of years to: District 21, P.O. Box 58, Michigan City, IN 46360 or email to [info@michigancityaa.org](mailto:info@michigancityaa.org)

*If any discrepancies are discovered, please contact us so that this might be corrected.*

## Recovery Dance

July 7th @ 8:00 PM

Long Beach Community Center  
After the 7:00 PM meeting

**Note from the Editor: I will be resigning my position the end of August. Anyone interested in continuing the newsletter please contact Laurie at [info@michigancityaa.org](mailto:info@michigancityaa.org).**

The District has the following AA Conference Approved Books available for the groups to purchase at reduced rates.

- The Big Book (hard cover) \$8.00
- The Big Book (soft cover) \$7.00
- The Twelve and Twelve (hard cover) \$7.00
- The Twelve and Twelve (soft cover) \$7.00
- Living Sober \$4.00
- As Bill Sees It \$8.00
- Daily Reflections \$8.00

## Our Local Area District 21 Business Meeting

### and the Public Information Meeting

7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of every month

at the Michigan City Christian

Church at 11232 W. Earl Rd.

**Next meeting: July 12, 2012**

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

### INCYPAA 2012

(Indiana Conference of Young People in AA)  
STATE CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 19,20,21

If you are young...got sober young ..are young at heart ..young in sobriety ...or just have room to grow ...then come join us for the 32nd Indiana Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous!!!!

This experience will feature:

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| Guest Speakers!    | Archives Exhibits!         |
| Workshops!         | Huge Red-Ball Meeting!     |
| Marathon Meetings! | DJ Dance Parties!!!        |
| Banquet Dinner!    | Food, Fellowship & Fun!!!! |

Marriott Hotel, 305 E. Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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# ANSWERING THE AA HOTLINE WAS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE

Carrying the AA hotline phone has been a wonderful experience, although I wasn't really sure what the calls would be about.

Answering the phone made me a little nervous at first, wondering if my guidance would be sufficient. I had a list of 12 Step call people in case assistance was needed, but I was still hesitant. Simply answering the phone "A.A. Hotline, how can I help you?" seemed like the thing to do.

The first few calls were from Chrysler Dodge Jeep, which were a wrong number. Then a few calls were from telemarketers. It seemed like no one was going to call in need of A.A. assistance. The District was working hard on getting the number out to the public but the calls just did not seem to be coming.

One afternoon, when on my smoke break and really ticked off about the usual, people places and things I couldn't control, the A.A. phone rang. It was a guy who needed a meeting in Gary. I was able to get on the Internet and find him some places and phone numbers for meetings in that area.

Then my mind switched to A.A. mode and quickly turned my day around. His call helped me although all he had was a simple request. Shortly afterward, the telemarketer calls died down and real calls started coming through. A lot were simple: someone needing a meeting time or place, or an address for their GPS.

At first, the idea of carrying around this phone all the time seemed like a nuisance. It really isn't that big of a deal. It is answered when I can and if I can't the person can leave a message. The calls are returned as soon as possible and usually the person on the other end is very thankful and in need. It feels good to be helpful even if it's a simple solution.

People wondering if they are really an alcoholic or if they should go to A.A. have called. My suggestion is to hit a meeting and decide in time. One call was from a woman with a broken foot in need of a ride to a meeting. The women of our fellowship quickly offered assistance in helping this woman when we announced the need at a meeting one night.

It's helpful for me to have a Big Book handy or the Internet when answering the hot line. My smart phone has been very useful in seeking meeting information or pulling up literature. The District does have literature and meeting lists are available for my use with callers.

Some suggestions, if you decide to carry the hotline phone, are to have a list of people to call if you need assistance and to have access to meeting places. I always ask the person if they would like me to forward their phone number to another member of Alcoholic's Anonymous who might be better able to assist them. I think most of the other suggestions for the callers just come naturally.

# June 2012 Report From The Indiana District 21 Area 22 GSR Meeting

Facilitator Dan R.  
Note taker Dan R.  
Attendees George P., Laurie O., Jennie H. , and Dan R.

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from May 10, 2012 were read.

The minutes were approved.

George gave the financial report for April and May. Report is attached. The report was approved.

Dan obtained a cell phone from AT&T. Originally, a Go Phone was going to be used. However, since there are no records available to show incoming and outgoing call usage, it was decided to get a regular phone. The plan we are currently using is 450 min/month, 5000 nights and weekends, for \$39.95. This can be adjusted if the need arises. The current forwarding number, 219-879-8808, has been ported to the new cell phone.

We need to put together a package of information that can be passed along with the cell phone.

The newsletter is printed and on the website.

Laurie O. would like to have someone take her place as the newsletter producer at the end of August. She will place an announcement in the upcoming newsletter.

We need to try to get more people involved.

We will talk about sending money to area and GSO next month.

Next meeting is July 12, 2012 at the MC Christian Church.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM with the Lord's Prayer.