

Michigan City Daily Reprieve

Step 6

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Can He now take them all—every one?

In doing Step Six it helped me a lot to remember that I am striving for “spiritual progress.” Some of my character defects may be with me for the rest of my life, but most have been toned down or eliminated. All that Step Six asks of me is to become willing to name my defects, claim them as my own, and be willing to discard the ones I can, just for today. As I grow in the program, many of my defects become more objectionable to me than previously and, therefore, I need to repeat Step Six so that I can become happier with myself and maintain my serenity.

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“The Sixth Promise”
That feeling of uselessness
and self pity will disappear.



Concept VI

On behalf of A.A. As a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Where it all began. EVERY YEAR IN JUNE, thousands of recovering alcoholics and their friends and families descend on Akron, Ohio, for the annual Founders' Day celebration. The three-day event, filled with meetings, entertainment, bus tours and fellowship, commemorates the anniversary of Dr. Bob's last drink and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. This year's gathering is June 8, 9 and 10 (visit www.akronaa.org for more information). It is a priceless experience.

Just for today, I will be agreeable, I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Tradition Six

An A.A. Group out 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. Experience proved that we could not endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We could not be all things to all men. We saw that we could not lend the A.A. Name to any outside activity.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Dave B	6/06/2003	9 years
Brenda W	6/06/2005	7 years
Dave S	6/09/2000	12 years
Al A	6/12/2000	12 years
Rick T	6/24/1983	29 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

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

Upholsters Group

Friday 7 PM St. Anthony's Hospital

The group has finished the 12 and 12 Steps and Traditions and is now starting over from the beginning as of May 11th.

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: June 14, 2012

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Four Absolutes

Absolute Honesty: Both with ourselves and with others, in word, deed, and thought

Absolute Unselfishness: To be willing wherever possible to help others who need our help

Absolute Love: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Absolute Purity: Purity of mind, of body and of purpose.

MY SEARCH FOR A SPONSOR

The tools of the program were pounded into me in my first month. The tools were prayer, meetings, literature, phone calls, and alas getting a sponsor. Besides coming to meetings and reading the literature, I wasn't sure why I needed to use all the other tools. By the third month of sobriety I understood much better. I couldn't deny that the people utilizing all the tools of the program seemed to have happier, more fulfilling lives.

My first sponsor seemed like a loving, caring individual although I really never felt like I clicked with her. This woman had knowledge of the program and the literature. She seemed to be on the ball with step work. Unfortunately I soon discovered I did not care for her suggestions or the way she made them.

My part in this was being dishonest. I never told her how I felt. How could she have known I wasn't getting what I needed? Dishonesty comes in so many different ways. I expected her to read my mind and baby me through the truth. I canceled her.

When asking others how to choose a sponsor it was suggested I would choose someone who had attended meetings regularly, worked all 12 Steps, been sober for at least 10 years, and someone who had what I wanted. This gave me a lot to think about.

There wasn't anyone in my home group who had what I wanted. Sure they were happy, but there was always something that I didn't care for about them. It was either their work ethics, relationships, or finances where they fell short of what I needed.

I went through two more sponsors.

After being in the program for a year I chose my third sponsor. Unfortunately I did not feel the connection many talk about who spoke to their sponsors on a regular basis. I continued to pray about it. I presumed there was probably something wrong with me and how I was choosing a sponsor. I continued to not get what I needed and struggled.

Something finally happened in my life which was extremely hard to deal with. I counted on the support of good friends in A.A. to carry me through. I feel I owe them the world because I did not drink over this issue. It was God and my friend's guidance that got me through. I knew the current sponsor I had wasn't right for me and I canceled again.

At this point I decided to be everyone's child in the way of sponsorship. I have some friends who have great work ethics, others do well with finances, and still others have wonderful relationships. I had decided to go to those individuals according to my needs.

I almost missed out on a wonderful experience and a wonderful person. I finally found the right sponsor for me. This person has what I want. I know if I am willing to put in the work, I can have a meaningful and happy life. The feeling of hope overwhelms me on a regular basis when I talk to her. Her spirituality and guidance intrigues me. I finally realized that having someone, just one person who really understands me and my past is a great experience. This sponsor seems to figure me out before I have figured myself out. I always get the truth. We've only been together for a short time but I hope to have her in my life for years to come.

May 2012 Report From The Indiana District 21 Area 22 GSR Meeting

Facilitator Steve H.
Note taker Dan R.
Attendees Steve H, George P., Laurie O. Helen G., and Dan R.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from April 12, 2012 were read and amended from:

George said 2 or 3 people show up for the prison meeting. Would like to have a bridge structure for inmates so they could transition easily to outside meetings upon release. Unfortunately, at this time there cannot be any exchange of information between volunteer and prisoner.

To: George said 2 or 3 AA members from outside and 4-8 people from the prison participate in the prison meeting. George would like to have a bridge structure for inmates so they could transition easily to outside meetings upon release. Unfortunately, at this time there cannot be any exchange of information between volunteer and prisoner.

The minutes were approved.

There was not a financial report available yet for April 2012.

We approved obtaining the cell phone with the number 219-879-8808. Dan will do so.

We will discuss issues about rotating the phone at the next meeting.

Next meeting is June 14, 2012 at the MC Christian Church.

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