



Pass it On.....

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by Vicky C.

GRATITUDE MONTH

BY LEON R., DELEGATE

November is now the official/unofficial Gratitude Month. Each Fall in the 1940's the General Service Board hosted small "Gratitude Dinners." By the 1960s they had become larger, more elaborate "Gratitude Luncheons." The motivation behind these get togethers was personal gratitude for sobriety and to express appreciation to our professional friends for their articles, books, radio and T.V. interviews relating to A.A. over the past year. Held without fail in November at NYC's Roosevelt Hotel, Bill W. always addressed the gatherings. The luncheons were discontinued in 1968, but the concept of "Gratitude" persisted within the membership until today, the month of November is accepted by A.A. members Worldwide as "Gratitude month"

Here in District III, we take this to Heart. About 7 or 8 years ago, we started having a yearly Gratitude Meeting in November. For me it is a time of quiet reflection, where I can appreciate all the changes that have taken place in my life, but yet a time where I can verbalize my Gratitude, rather than self-satisfaction. I also now fully understand the quote "Your misfortune has become your good fortune." *I am truly blessed to be a recovering alcoholic and to have Alcoholic's Anonymous in my life.*

May you all feel the Gratitude

*To read Leon's Area Delegate Report from the 2008 Conference, go to:
<http://www.elptx.com/aanwtx/delreports/DelReport2008.pdf>*



- Tom W. 10/17/59 of Odessa
- Kenny L. 10/25 of Borger
- Tom H. 10/26 of Amarillo
- Pat G. 10/28 of El Paso
- Teresa L. 11/25 of Borger

From the Chair: Sponsorship

Has sponsorship changed over the years?? Well, not really. The message still remains the same – to share with some else exactly how we have recovered this seemingly hopeless disease. Perhaps one of the things that has changed is how this message is delivered. Certainly we don't go to the hospital to meet someone new; Most of the time, when we meet our new prospect he/she is at their first meeting. Another difference is that, as times have changed, we have probably changed our style. That really hard driving, critical style has gone the way of more open conversation that is a lot softer. The ideas of race and gender have changed a lot over the years and we are much more sensitive to these. Also, the way we raise our children and treat each other in the work place have changed, and these ideas have themselves been incorporated into how we work with others.

Sometimes as we sponsor someone we don't always have the same experiences, perhaps grew up with different backgrounds and are certainly different ages, but the real message is the experience of working the steps. If we have done that ourselves, then we can pass on with confidence to the new person how to do it. We can lead the new person through the steps for themselves.

There is not a better reward than to see that person's face change when he/she gets up from their knees after taking a third step, the look in their eyes as they finish their fifth step, and the joy in their voice as they share about paying some long overdue obligation or mending a relationship with a family member that was hurtful for a long time – one they thought could never be repaired.

Listen to them talk about God. And how about seeing them get a cup of coffee for some new guy sitting in a meeting shaking and scared? Watch him sit down beside them, give them their phone number and say, "Hey I once felt how you do. Now call me." Aren't we blessed in love and service?

By Tim B., Area Chair

*Trudging
the Road
of Happy
Destiny*





Trivia Question:

What college did Bill attend?

Be the first to email

your answer to our Area Chairman, Tim B. at: SobereIvis7@hotmail.com



SWRAASA 2008

by Kenny L., Alternate Delegate



Just wanted to take a few minutes and tell you guys and gals what a pleasure it was to see ya'll at SWRAASA in St. Louis. If my calculations are correct there were 12 AA members from NWTAA 66 present.

For you who were unable to attend or have never attended a SWRAASA, you missed an opportunity to learn more about the service positions you currently hold or the ones you may hold in the future.

SWRAASA is comprised of 11 Areas throughout 7 states. Its intended purpose was to allow AA members from these 11 areas to come together and to help each other learn how to do our service positions.

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous I feel that it is important that I do each service position that I hold to the best of my ability. The only way that I can do this is by allowing you to teach me. Thank you for taking the time to teach me.

I hope that each and everyone of you get the opportunity to attend the next SWRAASA in Denver, Colorado in 2010. It would be neat to see 100 AA members from NWTAA 66 at the next SWRAASA.

Notes from the 62nd Annual Top of Texas Roundup - by Ramona S.

The Roundup was held in Amarillo, Texas, September 25th - 28th. Thursday night was dedicated for the "oldtimers". Billy S. from Las Vegas, Nevada spoke Friday night (sobriety date: Oct. 18, 1975). A dance and Karaoke followed his presentation. Saturday's events started with Keith D. of Yorbalinda, CA (sobriety date: May 11, 1976). Next, Jan C. of Houston, TX was the Alanon speaker, followed by Katie Mae S. of Eden Prarie, NM, Alateen speaker, who celebrated her 21st birthday that day. She was followed by Pam D. from Castlerock, CO (sobriety date: April 22, 1987). The last speaker on Saturday was Paul W. from Sunset Beach, CA. although you may know him as Enos from "Smokey and the Bandit" (sobriety date: March 15, 1990). Better remembered as "Boss Hogs' sidekick," he proved to be an awesome speaker. Another dance was held on Saturday night. Sunday's events opened with a second Alanon speaker, Keith's wife, Sue D. of Yorbalinda, CA. Jack C. from Hagerstown, MD. was the last speaker. Jack, who survived a pipe bomb explosion, serves as a positive example of the promises of AA, as he was a Maryland Senator and a Circuit Judge. The event was spectacular!! The "Rock and Roll" theme was evidenced by all the old records, jukeboxes, and musical notes as decorations. The sobriety countdown's oldest member had 44 years of sobriety, while the youngest had 6 days.

Northwest Texas Area 66 - 3rd Quarter Assembly, Nov. 8th and 9th, 2008

Hosted by Districts 7, 10, and 12 - El Paso, Texas

For Reservations call: Best Western, 7144 Gateway Blvd. East, 915-779-7700

On the Remember when ????



Much to the rest of the groups horror Bob had completely misunderstood the concept of Alcoholics Anonymous.



"Think About It Corner"

Oh yeah,

I keep forgetting:

It's NOT about me!!!

It's about HIM!!!

