



***Daily Reflection—October 1***

**LEST WE BECOME COMPLACENT**

It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 85

When I am in pain it is easy to stay close to the friends I have found in the program. Relief from that pain is provided in the solutions contained in A.A.'s Twelve Steps. But when I am feeling good and things are going well, I can become complacent. To put it simply, I become lazy and turn into the problem instead of the solution. I need to get into action, to take stock: where am I and where am I going? A daily inventory will tell me what I must change to regain spiritual balance. Admitting what I find within myself, to God and to another human being, keeps me honest and humble.

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***A Note from Kerry H,  
 SIG Office Manager***

Hello Family! This year is just flying by!!! Halloween is right around the corner , Thanksgiving is in the blink of an eye and Christmas is only 85 day away. With all these holidays within arms length, we need to be even more diligent with our sobriety and how we are going to stay sober one day at a time. Pick up the phone and call that person who just crossed your mind. They may need help and not know it until their phone rings. There are six more holidays before the New Year begins and we need to be consistent and persistent in our day to day activities. In order to “keep it” we must “give it away”. Make plans with your “tribe” and invite a newcomer. Game nights, bowling parties, movies and a dinner party are just a few of the things we can do. Together we can stay sober one day at a time as long as we stick together.

Stay Blessed!

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.  
 Get those puppies checked!**



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## Remembering Clyde F

Clyde F was one of the oldest, active members in the Savannah AA Family of Recovery. His sobriety date was 1/21/1966 and he passed on 1/29/2018 with 52 years of sobriety. He was best known for his line about will power. He said will power didn't work any better on alcoholism than it did on diarrhea. I will always remember him for his description of the first three Steps. At the time he made it into the rooms, he was 30 years old and had been drinking for 15 years. The last 10 years he had not been able to go more than 3 days without drinking and had accumulated 21 DUI arrests. This is how I remember him describing his first days in Alcoholics Anonymous.

"I was doing a little social drinking at 10 am at Joe McGee's Stag Bar, when the bartender mentioned a mutual acquaintance who was in the same business as me". I said, "I heard he takes drink". The bartender said, "Not anymore, he is the vice president of A and A." Well, I didn't want to talk to any common drunk, the vice president would be just fine. I called a few days later about business and didn't know how to bring up the subject, so I just said, "I heard you were the vice president of AA." The phone went silent. I thought "Uh Oh!" but then he said he sure was a member of AA. I told him I had a friend with a drinking problem. Fifteen minutes later he was at my house, bringing in a reel-to-reel tape machine. He played me a tape; the speaker was 75 years old on that tape and he had the same problems I had. There was no generation gap at all. Then my new friend told me I was going to have to find a "Higher Power". I said, "WHAT?!" He said "God". I said "If you are peddling that 'God stuff' you can get the hell out of my house! I have a mother who goes to church every Sunday and a brother who has a degree in God, and he is just as CRAZY as anyone. I used to go to Sunday School, and the same guy who is supposed to love everyone is going to burn me in hell an hour later in church. You can keep your God talk to yourself." He told me it could be my own conception of God. I could use the door-knob or the lampshade at the end of the sofa. Both those ideas were so ridiculous, I didn't respond. About a week later, I found myself praying to the lampshade.

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October Financial Snapshot	
Income	
Contributions:	1773.89
Sales:	2040.50
<i>Total Income:</i>	3814.39
Expenses	
Merchandise:	1460.28
Expenses:	563.82
<i>Net Income:</i>	1790.29
A detailed set of financials is emailed to your IG Rep monthly.	

"Faithful Fivers" are AA members who, in gratitude, contribute each month (\$5.00) toward support of the Savannah Intergroup Office. The Faithful Fivers idea came about by remembering how many of us wasted many times that dollar amount in far less time during our drinking careers. Enrollment is always open! Send name, address, phone to [sig.office@savannahaa.com](mailto:sig.office@savannahaa.com)

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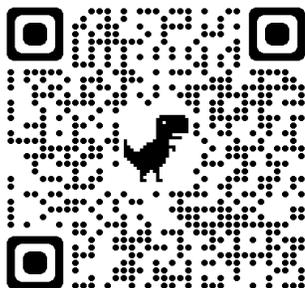
Clubhouse: Check with the groups for dates and times

Stephen K 1 yr, Jackie T 14 yr, Jocelyn J 3 yr, Carrie S 1 yr, Ross T 3 yr

Southside: Oct 28 8pm

Brett D 1 yr, Sam 8 yr, Yolanda 4 yr

68th Georgia State Prepaid Convention  
October 15-17, 2021



The Prepaid will be virtual this year, but you still must register to attend.

Scan the QR code to register and check out the flyer to see the speaker line up!

**DON'T FORGET TO CANCEL YOUR HOTEL**

**RESERVATIONS**

I agreed to go to my first meeting the following Tuesday. I told him not to pick me up early and don't beep the horn. I just knew everybody knew where these meetings were. We went to Washington and Waters Ave to St Michael's and my first meeting. When the first person got up and said "My name is Charles and I'm an alcoholic" I just cringed, right out there in front of God and everyone. At the end of the meeting, they asked if anyone wanted a white chip. When I saw I was all alone, I went back and got my wife and we both picked up a white chip. A month later we knew she wasn't an alcoholic and she joined Al Anon and became a circuit speaker. I got a new identity. Joanie's husband. She really helped me those first few years.

The other thing I remember about my first meeting was how dry everyone's hand were when we shook hands. My hands always sweated back then. We didn't hold hands back then either. If you think I was going to hold hands with a bunch of Studs I never would have come back.

The last week of February 1966, I was in St Simons, GA on a Saturday at an AA conference. I remember parking the car and when I put my foot out it was in a half foot of ice water. I went inside anyway. The speakers were very moving, I found my conception of a Higher Power that day and It has served me well.

Clyde told this story hundreds of times in different forms. Sometimes with his voice cracking and often with tears in his eyes. It never failed to transport me to 1966 and often touched my heart.

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# 68th Georgia State Prepaid Convention

October 15-17, 2021 • First Ever Virtual Prepaid Convention



## A.A. IN A TIME OF CHANGE



### Discussion Topics

- Tradition One, **Unity**
- **Hope** for Today
- Rocketed into the **4th Dimension**
- What's in Your **Spiritual Toolkit?**

**Sober TRIVIA**  
with Glen "Big Dog"



### GentleYoga with Joyce Y.

### Workshops



- A **New Hand** of AA
- Times Change but **Spiritual Principles** Do Not
- Cultivating **Communication** Through **Technology**

**Voices:** Jimmy M. & Glen B.

### Speakers



- ★ Bentley M., Raleigh, NC
- ★ Steve L., Nashville, TN
- ★ Ralph W., Los Angeles, CA
- ★ Johnny T., Lawtey, FL
- ★ Peg P., Manassas, VA
- ★ Larcine G., Hawthorne, CA (AI-Anon)

Carol G., Certified ASL Interpreter



### Musical Entertainment

## EVENT DETAILS

Meeting ID: **709 870 9964**  
Password: **DrBob1935**

Call-In (By Location):  
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# 68th Georgia State Prepaid Convention

## Schedule

October 15-17, 2021  
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### Friday, October 15

1:00pm EDT / 5:00pm GMT	Welcome	Deborah C & Jimmy M.
1:15pm EDT / 5:15pm GMT	Discussion Meeting	<i>Tradition One, Unity</i>
2:30pm EDT / 6:30pm GMT	Workshop: <i>A New Hand of AA</i>	Patty L. & Mark J.
4:00pm EDT / 8:00pm GMT	Speaker	Bentley M., Raleigh, NC
Dinner Break		
7:00pm EDT / 11:00pm GMT	Speaker	Ralph W., Los Angeles, CA
9:00pm EDT / 1:00am GMT	Sober Trivia	Glen "Big Dog" B.

### Saturday, October 16

7:00am EDT / 11:00am GMT	Sunrise Meeting	<i>Pivotal Points in Recovery</i>
8:00am EDT / 12:00pm GMT	Gentle Yoga	Joyce Y.
9:00am EDT / 1:00pm GMT	Al-Anon Discussion	<i>Hope for Today</i>
10:00am EDT / 2:00pm GMT	Speaker	Peg P., Manassas, VA
11:15am EDT / 3:15pm GMT	Workshop: <i>Times Change but Spiritual Principles Do Not</i>	Steve L. & Johnny T.
Lunch Break		
1:30pm EDT / 5:30pm GMT	Al-Anon Speaker	Larcine G., Hawthorne, CA
3:00pm EDT / 7:00pm GMT	Workshop: <i>Cultivating Communication Through Technology</i>	Debi K., Jim T., Micah G., Paul W., & Rick M.
5:00pm EDT / 9:00pm GMT	Discussion Meeting	<i>Rocketed into the 4th Dimension</i>
Dinner Break		
7:30pm EDT / 11:30pm GMT	Speaker	Steve L., Nashville, TN
9:30pm EDT / 1:30am GMT	<b>Ice Cream Social &amp; Musical Entertainment:</b> Settle in with your ice cream and enjoy the music! • BYOIC ( <i>Bring Your Own Ice Cream</i> )	

### Sunday, October 17

8:00am EDT / 12:00pm GMT	Discussion Meeting	<i>What's in Your Spiritual Toolkit?</i>
9:15am EDT / 1:15pm GMT	Speaker	Johnny T., Lawtey, FL

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## Persistence

By: Ed R

This month we are pondering the principle of persistence. When we think of persistence, we consider the soft touch of the river that persists over eons to carve solid stone into a canyon. When we think of persistence, we consider the grass that persists in its gentle growth until it cracks and eventually consumes the sidewalk. Persistence is the continuation of the smallest action, a drop of water, a blade of grass, that through quiet force and repetition accomplishes great feats.

When considering how to write this article, I struggled a bit. I am a relative newcomer to the program, what could I say about persistence? But for the last twenty years, I have been incredibly persistent. When I first started drinking and using to blackout, my ex-girlfriend begged me to stop, but I persisted. When I passed out and nearly drowned in the swamps outside of Savannah, my sister cried and begged me to get help, but I persisted. When I failed out of school, when I lost numerous jobs, when I was arrested again and again, when I ignored doctor's orders and lost my leg to infection, when I shoplifted and lied and even stole tooth fairy money from my daughter, my loved ones screamed through their fury and frustration, but I persisted.

It is often said in the rooms that we must devote the same level of effort and persistence to our recovery that we once devoted to our drinking and using. So, we may not all be old-timers with 30 years of sobriety under our belts, but we do

all know that we are capable of persistence.

We will persist in going to meetings, to speaking to our sponsors, to working the steps and helping other alcoholics, and we will persist with that same level of energy that we devoted to finding our next drink or drug. We will persist with these tools we have been freely given, one day at a time, and through the gentle daily flow of our persistence, the great canyons of our recovery will slowly be formed.



Roving Reporter

### ANNOUNCEMENT: Grapevine has a new podcast!

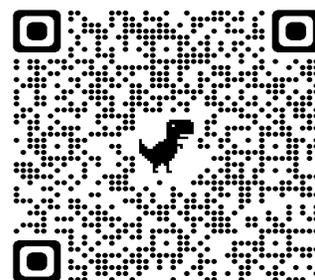
The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour. Featuring AA members Don and Sam.

Scan the QR Code below to get connected!

Starting on October 4, 2021 with a new episode each Monday.

Each week Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode.

A new podcast episode will be available every Monday.



## AA's Three Legacies

*Step Ten: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."*

As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day, in fair weather or foul. Then comes the acid test: can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?

A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is ready to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong.

*Tradition Ten: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."*

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for, as one old-timer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly.

As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Others fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind some millennium of their own specification. In our own times, we have seen millions die in political and economic wars often spurred by religious and racial difference.

**Concept X:** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority —the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.





## SAVANNAH INTERGROUP

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**Calendar—Meetings:**

Intergroup:	7 :00 pm Zoom	1st Tues
Grapevine:	9:00 am Zoom	2nd Sun
Treatment:	6:45 pm Pavilion	3rd Thurs
PI/CPC:	6:30 Club	3rd Wed
Corrections:	7:00 Zoom	2nd Tues
District:	7:00 Club	Last Tues
Newsletter:	4:30 Club	2nd Mon

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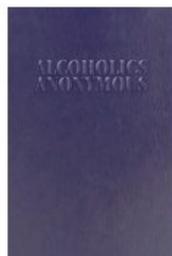
CFC: PO Box 14093 Sav 31406

District 5 Fund: POB 60493 Sav 31420

New Years Eve Fund: PO Box 13436 Sav 31416

Make check out to Georgia Alcoholics Anonymous

Memo line: NYE Committee

**Book of the Month:**

*Alcoholics Anonymous*

*Large Print Abridged*

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October

**Savannah Area Intergroup**

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ANGER	SELF-PITY
SELF-JUSTIFICATION	
SELF-IMPORTANCE	
SELF-CONDEMNATION	
DISHONESTY	IMPATIENCE
HATE	RESENTMENT
FALSE PRIDE	JEALOUSY
ENVY	LAZINESS
PROCRASTINATION	
INSINCERITY	
NEGATIVE THINKING	
CRITICIZING	FEAR

**ASSETS: STRIVE FOR**

SELF-CONTROL	
SELF-FORGIVENESS	INTEGRITY
MODESTY	SELF-ESTEEM
HONESTY	PATIENCE
LOVE	FORGIVENESS
HUMILITY	TRUST
GENEROSITY	ACTIVITY
PROMPTNESS	
STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS	
POSITIVE THINKING	
LOOK FOR THE GOOD	
FAITH	