



Daily Reflection—January 1

"I AM A MIRACLE"

The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 25

This truly is a fact in my life today, and a real miracle. I always believed in God, but could never put that belief meaningfully into my life. Today, because of Alcoholics Anonymous, I now trust and rely on God, as I understand Him; I am sober today because of that! Learning to trust and rely on God was something I could never have done alone. I now believe in miracles because I am one!

From the book Daily Reflections

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A Note from Kerry H, SIG Office Manager

Hello Family ~ It seems to me that 2021 flew by! In all the chaos that has been going on since the pandemic started, one thing has remained a constant. Your Intergroup Office has remained open and available to you. Just a reminder our office hours are M-F 10-4. If there is something you would like to see us keep on our shelves that we don't normally keep in stock, please contact me and I'll see if I can make that happen. Special orders ~ things like Big Book covers etc. ~ take about 5-7 days delivery.

I want to thank all of you that have continued to support your local Intergroup through thick and thin and we look forward to serving you in 2022!

Have a Fantastic New Year

Kerry H

Year End Financial Snapshot

Income

Contributions: 19311.69

Sales: 23355.24

Total Income: 42686.20

Expenses

Merchandise: 16341.00

Expenses: 24634.24

Net Income: 1747.42

A detailed set of financials has been emailed to your IG Rep

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The Real Alcoholic

By Ed R

Early on in the Big Book, the authors detail the difference between a moderate drinker, a heavy drinker, and a real alcoholic. Moderate drinkers can take it or leave it, as the book says; and heavy drinkers may drink like us, but can stop if some extenuating circumstances force their hand.

However, a real alcoholic is a seemingly hopeless case. On page twenty-one the book states, “[the real alcoholic] does absurd, incredible, tragic things while drinking...He is seldom mildly intoxicated. He is always more or less insanely drunk.” It goes on to say, “He is often perfectly sensible and well-balanced concerning everything except liquor, but in that respect he is incredibly dishonest and selfish.”

I remember I was twenty years old, missing my grandfather’s funeral for a weekend of partying at college, when I thought I might have a problem. It was then, some seventeen years ago, that I realized my drinking wasn’t normal and I began to try to control my binges. But as I struggled against my alcoholism, it only grew stronger. I was becoming a real alcoholic.

A real alcoholic wakes up and the first thought through his head is, “when do I get to drink?” A real alcoholic hides booze in his sock drawer, his couch cushions, his dirty laundry basket, his mattress, his glove box and under the driver’s seat of his car. A real alcoholic steals the quarters and dimes from his five-year-old’s piggy bank to buy an eight-dollar bottle of the cheapest stuff

possible. A real alcoholic will start shoplifting when he’s stolen everything he can from the ones he loves and will shoplift even more when the weather gets cold, and he can hide wine bottles in his coat. A real alcoholic thinks nothing of driving his kids home from school while pounding tallboys of skunky gas-station-beer. A real alcoholic lies, cheats, steals and steals some more to try to fill the cavernous abyss that yawns within him. A real alcoholic lives only for the relief and the comfort that he perceives alcohol gives him. A real alcoholic is certain there is no God, and spirituality is pointless; but in the late hours of the night when he contemplates his wasted day, he thinks to himself, “maybe tomorrow, I’ll do it tomorrow, I’ll stop tomorrow” whispering into the darkness his desperate prayer: “tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow...”

Today I have found a program for recovery, and what I failed to realize seventeen years ago, is that there is no controlling my drinking and using. The first step implores us to **admit we were powerless over alcohol**, and that’s exactly what I couldn’t do. But by working the steps with my sponsor I realized to resist is to suffer. So, I stopped resisting, started praying to remain powerless, and in that surrender, I found freedom and peace.

December Financial Snapshot	
Income	
Contributions:	1549.06
Sales:	2931.09
<i>Total Income:</i>	4496.58
Expenses	
Merchandise:	1499.25
Expenses:	1881.65
<i>Net Income:</i>	1115.68
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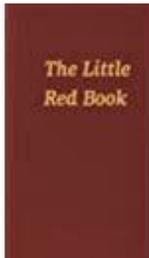
“Faithful Fivers” are AA members who, in gratitude, contribute each month (\$5.00) toward support of the Savannah Intergroup Office. The Faithful Fivers idea came about by remembering how many of us wasted many times that dollar amount in far less time during our drinking careers. Enrollment is always open! Send name, address, phone to sig.office@savannahaa.com

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- Randy W 1 yr
- Matt T 2 yr
- Ralph S 7 yr
- Sandi R 13 yrs
- Joann C 24 yrs

- Jamie L 2 yr
- Greg H 6 yr
- Michael B 10 yrs
- Wendell B 13 yrs
- Pat C 35 yr

- Lonnie S 12 yrs
- Tom S 23 yrs
- Jesse B 38 yr



NEW MEETING

The Little Red Book & More Meeting
Beginning 12/1/2021 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. It will be a closed book study focused on reaching out to newcomers by keeping it simple.



"I'VE NEVER SEEN TOM ENJOY HIMSELF SO MUCH AT A PARTY, JOAN! WHEN DID HE QUIT DRINKING?"



"Reality. It's been my one terrible blind spot for years."

Sobriety

If not completely satisfied, we'll gladly refund your misery!



John N. On Service

By Ed R

John N has served the church and the program of AA all over the world: from Georgia, to Siberia, to California, to Germany and then back to Georgia. He has served as a clergyman and a proud member of AA for 47 years. He is credited with bringing the first ever AA meetings to the Siberian people and helping suffering alcoholics all over the world. Here are some of his thoughts on service in the program of AA:

What has been your most rewarding service position in the program of AA?

“Well aside from being an occupational worker and all that, I think my most rewarding work has been here with the Southside Group right here in Savannah...For me the most rewarding has been going to the meetings, being the chair, sponsoring people; in fact, I think my first sponsee was before I even completed my step work (laughs) but he’s still doing well.

Yeah, I would say it’s been leading meetings that’s been most inspiring to me. I think the work in Russia had been also good...there was some excitement with the work I did in Russia, but really it was the work I did locally here in Georgia that has meant the most to me. Working with the church and traveling around the world was very meaningful, but to me, I feel that the real value of AA is working with my home group.”

Why, in your opinion, is service-work so important for people trying to get sober?

“Before my wife died, she was diagnosed with Cerebellum Ataxia...she had no balance, like Parkinson’s Disease, she could not hold anything in her arms. She had double vision...and she lost a lot of her ability to be creative because it was so hard for her to

talk.”

“Caring for my wife and doing my work in Russia...I found that when I came back, what kept my head pretty level was my local group. With my wife having that condition, I felt that when I went to meetings, I got the energy I needed from being with other people, to quit feeling sorry for myself and take care of what I needed to take care of.”

What advice would you give a newcomer who wants to get involved with service work?

“Get a sponsor. Talk to your sponsor.”





2022 Wall Calendars are in!
Stop by the office to get yours

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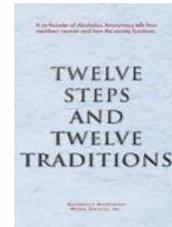


Book of the Month

Twelve and Twelve

SOFT COVER

\$1 off



New coin in stock!!!

\$3 each

Back side reads:

The Camel each day goes twice to his knees. He picks up his load with the greatest of ease. He walks through the day with his head held high and stays for the day completely dry.





Clear-cut Directions

"Further on, clear cut directions are given showing how we recovered" *Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 29*

JANUARY 28 - 30, 2022

Friday 8:30 p.m. ~ Belinda F. (New Orleans, Louisiana) AA

Saturday 9:00 a.m. ~ Rachel F. (Miami, Florida) AA

Saturday 11:00 a.m. ~ Alex B. (Matthews, North Carolina) Al-Anon

Saturday 2:00 p.m. AA Workshop:

"Maintenance of our Spiritual Condition: Steps 10-12"

Saturday Al-Anon Workshops:

2:00 p.m. "Sponsorship: What it's all about" ~ 4:00 p.m. "Living the Legacies"

Saturday 8:30 p.m. ~ Bob D. (Las Vegas, Nevada) AA

Sunday 10:00 a.m. ~ Aaron Z. (Molalla, Oregon) AA

Conference Chairperson ~ Star W. Conference Co-Chairperson ~ Jason W.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

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No resort fees

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MARATHON MEETINGS ALL DAY!

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SATURDAY MORNING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Port Royal Golf Club - 4 Person Scramble \$59 per person
(includes cart and range) Shotgun Start @ 11 a.m.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY ROOM

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workshops)

SATURDAY NIGHT - GAME NIGHT AND FELLOWSHIP

(After the 8:30p.m. Speaker meeting concludes)

ONLINE Pre-Registration - \$30 (available until midnight 1/22/22)

IN PERSON Registration - \$35 (opens Friday 1/28/22 @ 3:00p.m.) Cash/Check Only (ATM on site)

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AA's Three Legacies

Step One: “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.”



Who cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us.

No other kind of bankruptcy is like this one. Alcohol, now become the rapacious creditor, bleeds us of all self-sufficiency and all will to resist its demands. Once this stark fact is accepted, our bankruptcy as going human concerns is complete.

Tradition One: “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A. A. unity.”

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A. A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, “What a great thing A. A. might have been!”

“Does this mean,” some will anxiously ask, “that in A.A. the individual doesn’t count for much? Is he to be dominated by his group and swallowed up in it?”

We may certainly answer this question with a loud “No!” We believe there isn’t a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members.

Concept One: “Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the “ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services” resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York.

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

Please note: Any donations made must be addressed to the appropriate group and sent to the appropriate address:

SIG: 6205 Abercorn St. Ste 110 Sav 31405

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



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First Step Prayer

Dear Lord,

I admit that I am powerless over my addiction.

I admit that my life is unmanageable when I try to control it.

Help me this day to understand the true meaning of powerlessness.

Remove from me all denial of my addiction.