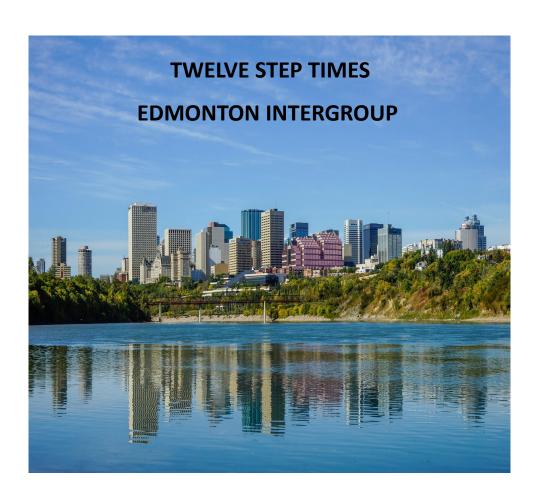
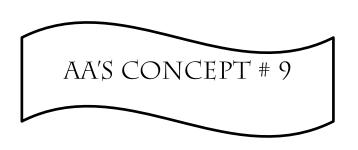


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Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concept IX addresses the ever vital need for good service leadership, appointing the trustees to carry the torch for World Service leadership that our founders once held.



Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave

us.

Edmonton Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office

#205, 10544—114 st

Edmonton, AB, T5H 3J7

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8.30 AM- 4.30 PM

Telephone: 780-424-5900 Fax 587-523-4334 Phone Service until midnight 7 days a week

www.edmontonaa.org

YOUR TWELVE STEP TIMES!

Pictures

Stories

For our October Edition, we're specifically looking for:

- Stories on Step 10
- Thoughts on Tradition 10
- Stories from the World Convention in Atlanta 2015
- Halloween Sober Recovery Fun
- "Falling" in Fall expand on Promise #10

It's your Twelve Step Times!
Share your experience,
strength and hope. Become
involved. Let the Edmonton
fellowship know about your
group!

Please submit your material to edmotonaa@hotmail.com

Attention Steve







Fulton Place Meetings Present the Ever Popular Wildy famous, Pig Roast/Pot Luck Supper



Time:

When: Friday, October 23rd 6:30 p.m.

Place: 9115 - 75 Street Salvation Army Temple

Meeting to follow at 8:00 p.m. Seventh Tradition

Email Wendy @ wendyvg@shaw.ca

FULTON HAS IT ALL -F00D -

FELLOWSHIP -

Crazy Shirt Night - Got One? - Wear it!

Member Appreciation Day

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

12:00 PM-01:00 PM **Noon Meeting**

03:00 PM-06:00 PM Visit your Central Office,

meet the team

We will have coffee and snacks! Literature Sale!

We thank all members for your continued support, and encourage you to join us in celebrating our Edmonton AA unity.









FRIENDSHIP Fundraiser DINNER

Thursday October 15, 2015

At the POLISH HALL

10960 – 104 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

Your evening will include:



- a European-style dinner
 - a silent auction a guest speaker
 - 50/50 draw

Doors open at 5:00 Silent Auction, open until 7:15

Speaker will be Ian R. from Winnipeg at 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS AVAIL ABLE:

- Price is \$60
- Purchase an individual ticket or a table of 8 for you and friends!
- · Ask a ticket seller, tickets will go quickly
- · Contact the Alano Club

Phone 780.423-1807 / Email <u>alano124@shaw.ca</u> / in person at 10728 124 Street

Website www.edmontonalanoclub.org

So, what is so important about being a member of the Alano Club?

- We provide a safe environment for people in recovery: their families, friends and other people in our
- We are helping to keep the doors to the Edmonton Alano Club open!
- We are grateful; we are giving back in gratitude for what we have been given! Larry L often said, "It's like doing a 12 step call in our sleep!"

WELCOME TO STRENGTH & HOPE







26TH ANNUAL AA ROUNDUP

10821 - 96 Street NW Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples Hall Edmonton, AB

OCTOBER 23 & 24 2015

Friday:

- B:OOPM AVA SPEAKER.....
- Q:JOPM ALA SPEAKER.....

- 6:3 DAM CALL UP MEETING
- 10:00AM BREAKFAST
- 10:30AM AM SPEAKER.....
- 1:00PM AL-ANON SPEAKER..... • J:OOPM AN SPEAKER....
- O:OOPM BANQUET
- 7:5 OPM AM SPEAKER.....
- Q:3 OPM / Music & Dance
- 12:30AM CLOSE ROUND-UP

E.C.O. IS HERE FOR YOU AS A MEMBER & YOUR GROUPS. POSTERS, TICKETS, MEETING LISTS, SERVICE MATERIAL, LITERATURE, MEDALLIONS, ARCHIVES COME RE VISIT US TODAY.

60 Mins To Sobriety	
Last Sunday	
Annette F.	7
Beverly	
3rd Friday	
Pat F.	12
Don s.	24
Fran R.	9
Pete R.	9
Breathe Easy	
First Friday	
Jordan H.	16
By The Books Group	
Julian G.	1
Campus Group	
Last Monday	
Dan s.	2
Kathryn	40
Capilano Step Group	
1st Tuesday	
Guy B.	41
Daily Reflections	
Last Wednesday	
Dan s	2
Francois	6
Jeanie	9
Jason L.	15
Jessica	12
Tom L.	32
Dolphin Group	
Guy B.	41
Eastwood Group	
Dave C.	1
Dave C.	_
Fulton Place	
Hal A.	23
Rhea M	21
Dwayne R.	1
Home Group # 11	
Chris W.	17
Jasper Place Group	

Lighthouse Group					
Last Friday					
Ayla P.	13				
Cory J.	10				
Val B.	10				
Mark E.	13				
Mike R.	14				
Love at Work					
Steve O.	7				
Doug M.	9				
Millwoods Group					
Erik J.	1				
Mustard Seed					
Last Sunday					
Linda	22				
Viola	24				
Oilmens'	7				
1st Monday	11				
Randy D. Open Door	11				
Last Sunday	1				
George F.	22				
Pat H.	12				
S.A. Sunday Breakfast					
Last Sunday	1				
Shane S.	2				
Eileen E.	4				
Della	2				
Bernie R.	3				
S.A. Sunday Step St	udy				
Last Sunday					
Stan T.	28				
David L.	8				
Derek B.	2				
S.A. Tuesday Night					
1st Tuesday	-				
Ron G.	6				
S.P. 12 Steps To Ser	enity				
Last Monday					
Greg D.	2				
Cal C.	2				
Will F.	2				
Erin P.	30				
Virgil L.	2				
Wally C.	7				
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Shifters	
Last Saturday	
Maureen A.	22
Annette F	7
SouthSide Group	
George B.	43
Gordon M.	23
S.S.Y.P.	
Last Sunday	
Pete M.	3
Ashley F.	3
Jason C.	2
Jody M. 📝	1
Blair J.	2
Jason M.	1
The Why Group	
Jay B.	14
June S	15
Debby L.	14
Gavin	21
Thus We Grow	21
Last Tuesday	
Ron P.	8
John B.	6
Pat H.	51
A	31
West End 12 Step Last Tuesday	
Dale L.	16
	A 1
Daniel B.	1
West End Group	
Jane K.	1
Lori S.	14
Westgrove	
Last Sunday	
Gord V.	1
Tracy M.	3
Westminster	
Last Saturday	b
Harry E.	31

Your group is missing?

Birthdays are published incorrectly? It is up to each group to supply a list of birthdays for publication in the TST.

Please be sure

Central Office has your latest, updated birthday list. There are almost 200 meetings per week in the greater metropolitan area and we are not able to hunt for

Information. Please do your part so we can better serve you.

Groups that celebrate on the first meeting of the month will have last months birthdays published.

Please contact us:

780-424-5900

edmontonaa@hotmail.com



OCTOBER 2,3,4TH, 2015

CAMPUS GROUP BLUE JEAN ROUNDUP PRESENTS



FRIDAY 6:30 PM REGISTRATION

SPEAKER 7:30-8:30

(JANE, Z FROM WHY GROUP)

8:30-8:45 BREAK

8:45-10:00 LIP SYNC BATTLE

10:15-11:15 YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

(CHRISTINA.G-EDMONTON/PETER.R-CALGARY)

SATURDAY

12:00 PM DOORS OPEN

12:30-1:30 SPEAKER MEETING HOSTED BY

1:30-2:00 BREAK

2:00-3:30 TRADITION WORKSHOP HOSTED BY ERICA.C

3:30-4:00 BREAK

(SATURDAY CONTINUED)

4:00-5:00 MEETING HOSTED BY

(RAINBOWS TO RECOVERY)

PREPARE FOR DINNER 5:00-6:00

6:30-7:30 DINNER

7:30-8:30 MAIN SPEAKER

(ERICA.C FROM SAN JOSE, CA)

RAFFLE & DRAW

8:30-9:00

DANCE 9:00

SUNDAY

DOORS OPEN 9:30

10:00-11:30 AA & AL-ANON SPEAKERS

(RANDY S. FROM THE CAMPUS GROUP)

FULTON PLACE COMMUNITY LEAGUE 6115 FULTON RD NW, EDMONTON, AB





Medicine Hat's 56th Annual AA Roundup



DISTRICT 61 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPT 13, 2015

3:00PM TEE OFF



BROADMOOR GOLF COURSE, SHERWOOODPARK

INCLUDES 9 HOLES OF GOLF, POWER CART, ROAST BEEF DINNER, PRIZES FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

MODIFIED SCRAMBLE

DINNER ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS GOLF CLUBS AND AN APPETITE

TICKETS \$60.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE

CENTRAL OFFICE - 780-424-5900

GARRY. R: 780-233-0910

BRAD. F: 780-868-5777

TRENT. B: 780-721-8418

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	<u>2</u>	3	4 -7th	5		
					Slave Lake AB	ONE DAY ROUND UP		
					780-849-1896	CALGARY.AB		
						403-850-6623		
					ROUNDUPS	ROUNDUPS		
4-7th	4-7th	8	9	10	11-13th	12		
Milk river	Greig lake sask				Medicine Hat 56th	Claresholm AB		
Sean 403-328-8791	greiglakeround- up@hotma				M.C.O 403-527-2065	Sponsorship		
ROUNDUP	ROUNDUP				ROUNDUP	Workshop.		
	KOONDOI					403-549-2021		
13	14	15	16	17	18-20th	19-20th		
District 61	14 week Step/				Grande Prairie	Swift Current kevin-		
Golf Tournament	Tradition				Barry-780-876-7983	780-741-3260		
Brad-780-868-5777	Call 780-868-				ROUNDUP	ROUNDUP		
Sherwood Park AB	5777*Brad							
20	2114 week Step/	22	23	24	25	26		
	Tradition					Claresholm AB		
	Call					42nd Family		
	780-868- 5777*Brad					Keith 403-549-2021		
						ROUNDUP		
27	2814 week Star /	29	30					
21	2814 week Step/ Tradition	23	30					
	Call							
	780-868-							
	5777*Brad							

PLEASE CONTACT CENTRAL OFFICE FOR ROUND UP INFORMATION & PHONE NUMBERS.

WEDNESDAY'S @ 84 ST LADIES
MEETING ~ NEEDS SUPPORT.

PLEASE CALL AMANDA

587-990-0899 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE YOUR STORY TO SOME
WOMEN IN RECOVERY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7-8:30PM



E.I.F.W.

Thank you for your interest in attending AA meetings at Edmonton Institution for Women (EIFW). We are attending meetings on Wednesday at the minimum security facility from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, and every other Tuesday at the medium security facility, also from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

To be eligible you MUST:

- 1. Be female or self-identify as female.
- Have one year of Sobriety.
- 3. Be available to attend at least one meeting a month.
- 4. Pass a criminal record check (no cost to you)
- 5. Attend a two night orientation course.

Please contact me for an application. Thank you.

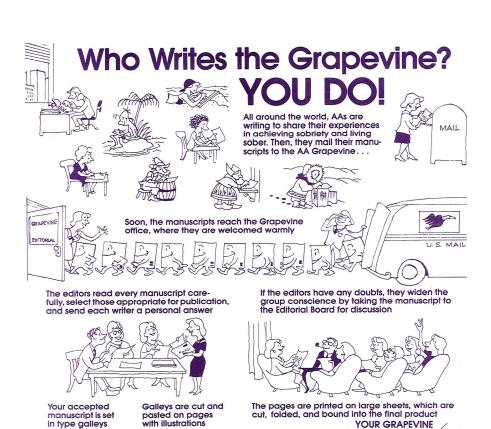
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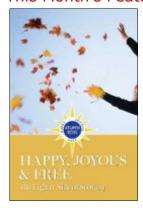
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYNMOUS SPEAKER WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY DISTRICT 12 CPC/PI COMMITTEE. OCTOBER 3, 2015 1-4PM LEDUC FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 4401-38AVE (ROLLYVIEW ROAD) CPC/PI COMBO BINDER KITS \$28 BOOK YOUR SPOT EMAIL: district12cpcpi@area78.org Facilitated by Peter J & Georgina S.



This Month's Featured Book



2015 Commemorative Convention **Book**

Happy, Joyous & Free:

Now available at E.C.O

Facts about anonymity in A.A.

in type galleys

Experience suggests that A.A. members:

Respect the right of other members to maintain their own anonymity at whatever levels they wish.

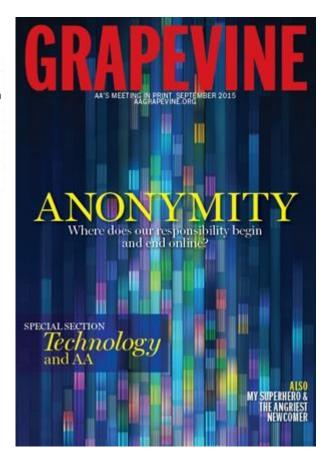
YOUR GRAPEVINE

MAGAZINE

- Are vigilant not to break their anonymity when posting, texting, or blogging and very careful not to inadvertently break the anonymity of others.
- Avoid the use of titles such as A.A. counselor when employed as professionals in the field of alcoholism. The title of alcoholism counselor is preferred..
- Maintain personal anonymity in articles and autobiographies.

Page 11 Understanding Anonymity P47 General service conference approved literature.

> **Upcoming September Issue will be** <u>available</u> ▶ ▶





Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Above all, we should try to be absolutely sure that we are not delaying because we are afraid. For the readiness to take the full consequences of our past acts, and to take responsibility for the well being of others at the same time, is the very spirit of SIEP NINE.

Most of us begin making certain kinds of direct amends from the day we join Alcoholics Anonymous. The moment we tell our families that we are really going to try the program, the process has begun. In this area there are seldom any questions of timing or caution. We want to come in the door shouting the good news.

As soon as we begin to feel confident in our new way of life and have begun, by our behaviour and example, to convince those about us that we are indeed changing for the better, it is usually safe to talk in complete frankness with those who have been seriously affected, even those who may be only a little or not at all aware of what we have done to them.

Ouotes from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

A Benchmark in Sobriety.

When I arrived at the Eighth and Ninth steps, I found I had an unusual amend to make. I needed to make amends to the entire town I grew up in, for various acts of juvenile delinquency. There was no way of finding individual firemen, policemen or citizens I may have involved or harmed twenty years before, but I wanted to make amends in some way. I first tried writing a letter to the local newspaper, outlining my transgressions of the past, and declaring that I wanted to apologise to the town. The editor refused to publish my letter, saying that such a letter might actually encourage other young people to misbehave. So I turned the whole thing over to my higher power and went on about the business of living in sobriety. One day, after about a tear in the program, I sat down on a park bench to rest. It occurred to me that someone ought to paint the bench, spruce it up. I thought about doing it myself, but I realized I would need a whole bagful of tools, besides the paint, to do a good job. It was too much for me to deal with. So I turned it over to nt Higher Power. Another year had gone by when I sat on another bench in another park and I thought, " Somebody ought to paint this bench!" I realized that over the preceding year I had acquired most of the tools I would need. All I needed to buy was some paint and some brushes. I bought the needed supplies, assembled my tools, put them all in a large shopping bag, and I began to pain park benches. I took it one day at a time, painting one bench at a time. Over a period of three years I painted about thirty benches in three parks. Some of the benches were getting tough use and those I painted twice. I used a rasp to smooth out coarse edges and sandpaper to roughen the surface of the smooth, weathered boards so they would take the paint. I did a priming coat and another day of finishing coat. It took about four hours work altogether to do one bench. I want to say right off that I enjoyed the work. It wasn't drudgery for me. I was outdoors, in the parks, out in the sun and the wind, listening to the birds, watching the squirrels, and some times interacting with people in the park. I never told anyone, outside of AA, that I was doing this to make amends. I just said it needed doing and I enjoyed doing it. Some people asked if this was required court ordered community service, and I said "NO, IM JUST A VOLUNTEER." Then came a day, after about three years, when it occurred to me that I was done. I had made my amends to the town. I didn't have to do it anymore.

Several years have passes. I still use those parks as a place to sit and rest. Occasionally I see a bench that needs painting and I remember the work I did. But I don't do it anymore. Now the town does it. If you cant figure out how to make amends, just turn it over to your Higher Power. In time, there will be an answer, the will be a way.

Jack A. Montclair, New Jersey

Please keep in mind that there is no official way of doing the Steps. The instructions are found in the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" and it is suggested to go through the Steps with a sponsor. We hope, however, that some of the suggestions on how to approach the steps prove helpful to you or others. Source of these Step Nine Readings:

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

The Best of Grapevine Volume 3



Suggestion from the editor;

As one of my sponsors said to me along the way in the beginning, I need to be good with myself first. Once I have come to terms with what I had so done in my past, how I handled it, and what I learned then I can now look at these situations. He stated don't look at these past mistakes as problems or issues, view them each as situations and experiences. Now that I have made it to Step Nine I can see my part in all those situations, and approach an amends cleaning my side of the street and not placing blame, anger or further resentment.

A letter to the Alcoholic in me

Dear Alcoholic,

I am sorry I ran away my whole life. I am sorry I didn't know that to heal is to meet the pain, not run from it. I am sorry I considered you damaged and faulty, no good. I am sorry I hated you. I am sorry you grew up with no guidance and direction, that you always had to fend for yourself. I am sorry you always felt in the way, like a burden. I am sorry you weren't told that you were precious, that your presence was a gift. I am sorry you grew up in a desert and became starved for attention. I am sorry you were taught fear instead of love. I am sorry you grew up with nothing else to go on than survival instinct. I am sorry you learned it was all about appearances, that nothing was said about nourishment. I am sorry you learned that the safest thing was to be invisible and that speaking your mind was gonna hurt. I am sorry that you learned that the worst case scenario was to be at home, not that you can always find refuge in the goodness within. I am sorry that you were terrified of the father whom you wanted to be your hero. I thank you for holding on to dear life when I couldn't find anything to go on. I thank you for safeguarding my talents and gifts while I didn't know that I had them. I thank you for never giving up on me when I was stumbling on empty. I thank you for finding the one way you could keep me going when I had no drive, desire or dream. I thank you for finding a way to numb the pain that I didn't know how to bear, feel, and transform. I thank you for guarding my spirit, who couldn't bear such destruction and VOID. I thank you for carrying my burden for so long. I owe you to be alive today because I wouldn't have made it if not for you getting numb every day. I owe you the great privilege of having found fellows who love me until I love myself. I owe you every bit of my self esteem that I am building every day. I owe you every minute of joy and every smile on my face. I owe you to respect the person I am becoming. I owe you the chance I now have to contribute. I owe you to be alive. I owe you an apology and an amends. I owe you the creation of a peaceful, soft place to rest in now that your job is done. I vow that I will not abandon you. I vow to be true to the gifts I was given and to be the truth that you preserved. I vow to use your relentless determination and creativity to healthy ends. I vow to cherish this life that wouldn't be if not for you. I vow to love, respect and approve myself. For that I vow that for today, I will love myself enough not to drink!

Miriam D.

Edmonton, AB

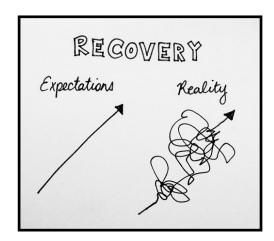


After 19 years of sobriety I went out, and when I rejoined the fellowship I could not fathom that the ninth step promises would materialize and come true for me. Little did I know and only through being painstaking in my recovery that all of the promises would rapidly materialize and come to fruition.

Whenever possible I have completed my amends. Which will never be totally finished, but through willingness, honesty and the assistance of my higher power, my amends have been graciously and lovingly accepted.

I have a life today.....

Marianne C.



"TO
NOT LET
ONE
FALL. IS
TOO
NOT LET
ONE
WIN!

Submitted at E.C.O

Anonymously

