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INTERGROUP BULLETIN

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The Intergroup meets 2PM, the last Sunday of each month at 411 Sellers Street. We urge all groups to have an intergroup rep present so you will be up to date on what is going on with your intergroup, and also to provide us with any input from your group.

We need your input for this Bulletin on items of interest, i.e. birthday lists, upcoming events, personal stories, we are always in need of guest writers, and anything else that you would like to see in your bulletin. You can mail your information to: Intergroup Bulletin, P.O. Box 6401, Hot Springs, AR. 71902. You can also E-mail your information to Bill D. at bjd62070@cablelynx.com. Please put "NO BOOZE NEWS" in the subject line. Bulletins will be snail mailed to group representatives for reproduction and distribution. You can also receive the Bulletin in your E-mail by providing your E-mail address to Bill D., or you can pick up a copy from the book store at 411 Sellers.

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Our website is up and running....Go to <http://aawestcentralarkansas.org> and check it out. I am sure you will very much like what you find

I Stand by the Door

By Sam Shoemaker (from the Oxford Group)

I stand by the door. I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out. The door is the most important door in the world - It is the door through which men walk when they find God. There is no use my going way inside and staying there, When so many are still outside and they, as much as I, Crave to know where the door is. And all that so many ever find is only the wall where the door ought to be. They creep along the wall like blind men, With outstretched, groping hands, Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door, Yet they never find it. So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world is for men to find that door - the door to God. The most important thing that any man can do is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands and put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks and opens to the man's own touch.

Men die outside the door, as starving beggars die on cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter. Die for want of what is within their grasp. They live on the other side of it - live because they have not found it.

Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it, and open it, and walk in, and find Him. So I stand by the door.

Go in great saints; go all the way in - Go way down into the cavernous cellars, and way up into the spacious attics. It is a vast, roomy house, this house where God is. Go into the deepest of hidden casements, of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood. Some must inhabit those inner rooms

And know the depths and heights of God, and call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it is. Sometimes I take a deeper look in. Sometimes venture in a little farther, but my place seems closer to the opening. So I stand by the door.

There is another reason why I stand there. Some people get part way in and become afraid Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them; For God is so very great and asks all of us. And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia and want to get out. 'Let me out!' they cry. And the people way inside only terrify them more. Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are spoiled. For the old life, they have seen too much: One taste of God and nothing but God will do any more. Somebody must be watching for the frightened who seek to sneak out just where they came in, to tell them how much better it is inside.

The people too far in do not see how near these are to leaving - preoccupied with the wonder of it all. Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door but would like to run away. So for them too, I stand by the door.

I admire the people who go way in. But I wish they would not forget how it was before they got in. Then they would be able to help the people who have not yet even found the door. Or the people who want to run away again from God. You can go in too deeply and stay in too long and forget the people outside the door. As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place, near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there, But not so far from men as not to hear them, and remember they are there too.

Where? Outside the door - Thousands of them. Millions of them. But - more important for me - One of them, two of them, ten of them. Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch? So I shall stand by the door and wait for those who seek it. 'I had rather be a door-keeper so I stand by the door.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

January
Central Big Book Study Group
EastGate Group
Hot Springs AA Group

YEAR TO DATE
Central Big Book Study Group
Eastgate Group
Hot Springs AA Group

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 11-14	International Women's Conference	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Feb 13	How to chair a Meeting Workshop by Tom F. 4aa Sellers	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Feb 20	52 nd Anniversary – Nashville AA Group	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Feb 26-27	5 th Annual 12 Steps to Freedom Fort Smith, AR	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Feb 28	Intergroup Meeting 411 Sellers 2:00 PM	
Mar 6	District 8 Quarterly Meeting 411 Sellers 1:00 PM	
Mar 6-17	Sober cruise to Australia and New Zealand	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Mar 17-20	25 th Annual Upstate AA Convention – Ruston, LA	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Apr 2-3	Area Assembly Howard Johnson Hotel in Conway	501-329-2961
Apr 14-17	Springtime in the Ozarks – Eureka Springs	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Jun 3-6	S.W. Additional Regional Forum AREA 10 Colorado	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Jun 10-12	Founders Day Conference – Akron, OH.	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Jun 18	District 8 Annual Bake at the Lake at De Gray Lake	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Jul 29-31	76 th Arkansas State Old Grandad Convention Hot Springs	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Oct 21-23	SWRAASA – Rogers, AR.	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>
Nov 11-13	64 th Annual Jonesboro AA Thanksgiving Program	<u>See Flyer Sent Separately.</u>

January Birthdays

Keith F.	1 Year	01/29/2015	Rockhouse Group
Ric H.	1 Year	01/01/2015	Rockhouse Group
Cliff W.	1 Year	01/01/2015	Hot Springs AA Group
Neil B.	2 Years	01/27/2014	Hot Springs AA Group
Jay L.	2 Years	01/26/2014	Rockhouse Group
Candy R.	2 Years	01/20/2014	Hot Springs AA Group
Kevin M.	2 Years	01/01/2014	Central Big Book Study Group
Libby B.	4 Years	01/28/2012	Hot Springs AA Group
Peggy S.	5 Years	01/09/2011	Malvern Open Door Group
Scott P.	6 Years	01/14/2010	Malvern Open Door Group
Sue B.	10 Years	01/01/2006	Rockhouse Group
Gwin McG	11 Years	01/24/2005	Rockhouse Ladies Group
Jeff G.	13 Years	01/14/2003	Hot Springs AA Group
Robert D.	13 Years	01/11/2003	Grant County Group
Anthony R.	13 Years	01/08/2003	Hot Springs AA Group
Cheryl C.	15 Years	01/07/2001	Rockhouse Ladies Group
John S.	17 Years	01/10/1999	LaKe Catherine Group
Monica M.	22 Years	01/17/1994	Hot Springs AA Group
Doug MacP	23 Years	01/12/1993	Rockhouse Group
Robin D.	29 Years	01/02/1987	Rockhouse Group
Cal. Jim	30 Years	01/04/1986	Hot Springs AA Group
Jean H.	32 Years	01/28/1984	Rockhouse Ladies Group
Ronnie H.	37 Years	01/02/1979	Rockhouse Group
Gray M.	39 Years	01/10-1977	Mt Ida Resentment Group
Ralph H.	41 Years	01/10/1975	Rockhouse Group
FranK S.	45 Years	01/21/1971	Mt. Ida Resentment Group
Paul R.	46 Years	01/01/1970	Rockhouse Group
Mike D.	47 Years	01/17/1969	LaKe Catherine Group
Mary E.	48 Years	01/16/1968	Rockhouse Ladies Group

"Ever fresh in my heart is a song of thanksgiving for my expanding sobriety, as the opening door to timeless truth."
GV 1956



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Your Intergroup wishes all a most Happy Valentine's Day

On Cultivating Tolerance - Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, p. 279

"During nine years in AA I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal, not only maintain sobriety, but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages, and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own. I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes.

To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior -- which of course is not helpful to the person we are trying to help, and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another -- and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important -- in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us." *From the Editorial column of the July 1944 issue of The Grapevine, written by Dr. Bob of Akron.*

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is life, fight for it."

~ Mother Teresa

"Life's formidable array of pains and problems will require many different degrees of acceptance ... Sometimes, we have to find the right kind of acceptance for each day. Sometimes, we need to develop acceptance for what may come to pass tomorrow and, yet again, we shall have to accept a condition that may never change. Then, too, there frequently has to be a right and realistic acceptance of grievous flaws within ourselves and serious faults within those about us - defects that may not be fully remedied

AA Co-Founder, Bill W. March 1962

"What Is Acceptance?"

The Language of the Heart



I wonder if I am late for work.?

MEMBER SERVICES & STATISTICS

	2014	2013	2012
	Actual	Actual	Actual
Number of Members	1,373,497	1,389,602	1,388,727
Cost of Service per Member	\$7.08	\$6.84	\$6.66
Self Support Contributions per Member	5.02	4.97	4.72
Cost of Service <u>NOT</u> covered by Contributions	2.06	1.87	1.94
Number of Groups	65,222	64,694	64,414
Cost of Service per Group	\$149.11	\$146.96	\$143.67
Self Support contributions per Group	105.76	106.75	101.80
Cost of Service <u>NOT</u> covered by Contributions	43.35	40.21	41.87
Percentage of Groups Contributing	41.6%	42.5%	42.4%
Number of groups that Contributed	27,103	27,841	27,332
Self Support contributions of groups that contributed	\$254.51	\$248.06	\$239.92

When I was first introduced to AA in 1973, the standard amount one put in the basket was \$1.00. Then in 1981 when I finally arrived, it was still \$1.00. No one has ever been asked to put anything in the basket. especially if they cannot afford it. The price of everything from soup to nuts has increased many times over in the past 50 years. I also know that no one likes to talk about money. Just looking at the above figures indicates that those of us who can, should dig a bit deeper when the basket comes our way. Too many of us have forgotten that this program is the reason we are still on the green side of the grass, and not in the cross bar hotel. I encourage all members to look into the "Birthday Club". That is where traditionally we send a buck for each year of our sobriety to GSO. We even have nice self-addressed envelopes for this purpose. Check with the Book Store. Thank you Bill D. Editor.

OUTSIDE ISSUES

Jessieville Fellowship Club (JFC)

“Needed New Roof Replacement Fundraiser”

Location: Trailer 7415 N. Hwy 7 Jessieville, AR. 71949

Entire Fundraiser includes replacing damaged trailer roof with new one. Old roof is 30 years old and is worn out beyond continued further repairs. We are looking at a new roof in early 2017 as we limp along. New roof will be a sheet metal structure with a 25 year warranty life cycle. We are asking you for donations as we will need \$3200.00 to supplement the JFC with this financial burden.

Fundraising campaign dates are February 3, 2016 till December 6, 2016. Please help support our \$3200.00 fundraiser by donating directly to the JFC or mail to:

Jessieville Fellowship Club*
PO Box 273
Jessieville, AR 71949-0273

Questions and hours of operation can be directed to David Doran 501 762 3078 and Terry Theisen 501 463 1010

In Appreciation and Gratitude for Our Blessings!
The Jessieville Fellowship Club

*The Jessieville Fellowship Club is established under 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Please consult your tax advisor concerning the deductibility of any donation.

JFC primarily rents and provides a meeting place of Building/Grounds for any 12 step programs (eg. AA). These 12 Step programs are encouraged to furnish and display all their spiritual literature. The JFC is designed to provide a special place of belonging for these programs providing a spiritual and fellowship connection for them on a 24/7 basis.

