

FOUNDER'S DAY - SPECIAL OLD TIMER'S EDITION

The good news, as I see it, is that the program hasn't changed one bit. Meetings I attend these days, both in the U.S. and across the globe are more openly loving. However, the best meetings still take a no nonsense approach when it comes to working our program. Although people are a little kinder and gentler, there is still no tolerance for B.S.

- BILL E.

I believe that AA continues to get better because we have embraced change. Without change, we die!! I believe we are embracing the younger members better than ever. I see young people in AA as our future!! In 1960 Bill W. said, "We live in an era of change. Our Twelve Steps probably won't change; The Traditions, not at all likely. But our manner of communication, our manner of organizing ourselves for function, for service - let us hope that this goes on changing for the better, forever." If this last year has not proved Bill's statement over 60 years ago, nothing will. I believe AA embraced the change well and we will continue to change for the good.

- GORDON N.

Navigation through the steps hasn't changed. The way we deliver it has. Phones and computers make it easier to have access to meetings and literature anytime, anywhere. I did a lot of twelve step "calls" back then. You never know when you'll have the chance to carry the message.

- BILL P.



I believe that AA has become more loving and tolerant of those who are dually addicted. The primary purpose of Tradition 5, (helping the alcoholic who still suffers) has not changed. However, with love and tolerance as our code, I have seen a shift in acceptance of those who are addicted to more than just alcohol.

- SUSIE R.

AA and the fellowship adapted to unusual circumstances of the pandemic and began to utilize Zoom almost immediately without a break in meetings. Newcomers and Old Timers alike accepted what they could not change and found new ways to communicate and continue to help the still suffering alcoholic.

- TERRY L. & TINA W.

The AA program is now more diverse and attractive to women, young people, individuals of color, and multiple definitions of sexual orientation. One thing that doesn't change in this Program is that intense need of one alcoholic to help another. Using modern technology and vital resources, AA as a whole has further developed ways to continue conducting business and connecting those who play such a vital role in making sure our services remain available and accessible to our members around the world. The good thing is - we do not have to just rely on face to face, snail mail or the telephone to be able to do that anymore!

- PAULA E.

AA HAS NOT CHANGED IN MY YEARS OF SOBRIETY. THE FACES HAVE, THE CULTURE HAS, THE PERSONALITIES HAVE, BUT AA REMAINS THE SAME. THE HAND OF RECOVERY IS STILL REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO SUFFER. I BELIEVE BILL AND BOB WOULD BE PROUD OF THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS HARD WORK TO KEEP OUR FELLOWSHIP ALIVE AND STRONG TODAY. BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS, WE WILL KEEP TRUDGING THE ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY.

- PHIL C.

AA has always been there for me to steer me in the right direction and give me the strength I needed in rough times. It seems today there are a lot more activities and meetings geared toward young people under 30 years old, and that is a great thing. Some of the greatest moments is watching new young people come in and be given the same welcome and opportunities I was given.

- BILL D.

There were no cell phones for the average Joe, Al Gore hadn't invented the internet yet and all literature was hard copy when I came in. Those days are gone, but not forgotten. Now we have cell phones, the internet, and by god we have zoom meetings. Thanks to zoom meetings and several old and new friends - I was still able to attend meetings during the pandemic. The AA message hasn't changed, just the conveyance.

- JOE B.



June Events



Area 21 Assembly

6.6 | 9:00-12:30pm

DCMs/GSRs discuss items related to our area.

Zoom: 897 8326 4088 Passcode: 419950



District 14 Business Meeting

6.13 | 1:00-3:00pm

GSRs and committee chairs discuss items related to our district.

Zoom: 893 5905 2821 Passcode: 774577

In Memoriam

Kris Bean

A former member of 623 Group



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