

BOTTOM LINE



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JULY: Step Six: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."
TRADITION SIX: "A D.A. group ought never endorse finance, or lend the D.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

2-way connection.

Suggested requirements for election include: 1-year solvency (or as long as the longest solvency in your group), awareness of the program, service in a group office and the willingness to attend business meetings & bring the newsletter. The term is 2 years. Much later there will be NYC & NY State meetings to attend; but, right now THE PROGRAM DESPERATELY NEEDS GSB REPS TO RECEIVE MAIL & BRING IT TO GROUP MEETINGS. Thanks for carrying the message.

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COMMON CENTS: Group Treasurers please note:

SAUL VENTS: A Cast of D.A. Characters

Did you ever date Mr. Big Spender who couldn't pay the Carib Hilton Hotel because he lost his credit line. . .but it was okay, he borrowed his girlfriend's credit cards.

Your group's donations should be sent at the beginning of each new month to Intergroup Treasurer Alex I./301 E. 61st St., Apt. 4A/NY NY 10021. He reports July contributors were:

MEETINGS UPDATE: As of July 2nd, VISIONS has moved to a new location: St. Bart's Room 41, 109 E. 50th Street (between Park & Lexington) from 6:30 - 7:30 PM and 7:30 - 9:00 PM.

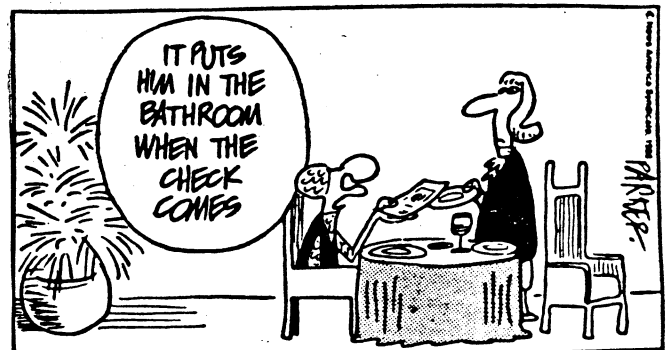
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| Freedom/Tools & Topics | Steps to Solvency |
| Prosperity | Self Employed |
| Records Workshop/Abundance | Saturday @ St. Barts Westsiders |

RI ALL ABOUT IT NOW: Nancy C., GSB General Manager reports that the 1986 D.A. Conference & Fellowship Day will bring together reps from groups worldwide. Save Saturday, September 27th for a day of sharing, workshops & socializing (time & place to be announced).

Groups that did not contact our Treasurer yet: Integrity, Vanderbilt, Matinee, Midtown, New Beginnings, Ten Dollar, S.O.S., Sunday Afternoon Steps, Visions and Hamptons.

Letters from newcomers are still arriving by the bushel. This month 2 work parties will help to answer them. On Sunday, July 13th from 12:30 to 3 PM Nancy C. will host a bring your own brunch at a member's home in Manhattan (780 W. End Av., #7A; enter on W. 98th St.). Light refreshments & heavy letters will be served. Robert J. & the Friday \$10 Group will sponsor a work party at a time & place to be announced. At that meeting your group is encouraged to sponsor a work party. Just contact Nancy C. for details on how to set it up. It's an enjoyable way to meet people and give the program away.

Do you know that most NY groups are not registered with the General Service Board? We still need names, addresses and phone numbers for GSB reps (please send to: GSB/Box 20322/NY NY 10025-9992). The GSB rep receives mail and the serv' newsletter for your group & contacts the GSB about any questions or problems your group has. He or she is your link with the national fellowship, and helps encourage your group to support program activities. D.A. cannot function without having reps to make this vital



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 LINES FROM HOTLINE: The number of phone messages left during June averaged 45 per week. The service says that more than double that number call & ask for a meeting's location. There were 18 local inquiries. Volunteers are still needed. It would be great to have a specific person at each meeting to whom I could pass on some of the inquiries for distribution to volunteers. This would help to spread out 12th Step work thruout the Fellowship instead of burdening only the meetings which I attend. IG group consciousness was that each meeting elect a 12th Step Coordinator/Communications Rep for this purpose; tell Judy B. who they are by name and phone number; and Judy will distribute phone messages & mail to them for their own meeting's volunteers.

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 VITAL STATISTICS: June '86 Intergroup attendees:

Chairperson	Ken B.
Secretary	Wendy B.
Hotline Representative	Judy B.
Literature Representative	Gino C.
Information Coordinator/Abundance/Th	George C.
Bottom Line Publ./Vanderbilt Rep.	Douglas S.
Freedom/St. Vincent's	Mark D.
Integrity	Lee K., Donna D.
Midtown/Thursday Noon	Kathleen C.
Matinee	Barbara B.
Steps to Solvency/St. Jean's	Ellen K.
5 Steps	Deborah R.
isions	Vincent V.
Vanderbilt	Kay W.

Attend the July 30th 7 PM meeting at St. Thomas' Parrish House: 1 West 53rd St./3 Flr. JOIN US!

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Literature Reps please contact Gino C. at 212/535-3540. George C. likewise wants you to send him a list of current officers & reelection dates to: 149 Mulberry St./2nd Flr/NY NY 10013; 212/431-7526. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

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 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: CLARITY...that glowing attribute of recovery...shining like a beacon of light thru the foggy morass of our disease...CLARITY of Numbers...CLARITY of Contract & Commitment ...CLARITY in Communication. Intergroup & GSB are in active pursuit of all of these, as evidenced by June's NY IG meeting. Nancy C., GSB General Manager & former IG member was present & afforded us the opportunity of an invaluable interchange of IG/GSB info.

Mutually Supportive Communications Efforts by these 2 organizations are in process, with an eye toward avoiding unnecessary overlap; & potential results hold the promise of greater efficacy in 12th Step work as well as a tighter band of unity thruout the Fellowship & among its service groups.

As NY IG & GSB become more aggressive forces in the fostering of D.A. communications, a commensurate challenge to individual groups & members

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 is emerging. In order for us to flourish & prosper, a greater level of commitment & responsibility needs be manifested at the grass roots "home group" level.

Ask yourself the following questions: Who is my home group's GSB rep? Who is our IG rep? When is the IG report given to my group by our IG rep? At what meeting can I anticipate the reading of the National Newsletter by our GSB rep? When is my group's regular business meeting? Who are our officers?

Chances are the average D.A. member will not know the answer to most of these questions (neither did I, at first!). The danger here, however, is NOT...not knowing--it's not caring enough to find out once we realize we don't know. That'll stifle the growth of our Fellowship. "Personal recovery depends on D.A. unity."*What efforts can you take this month on behalf of D.A. Unity? What can you do to personally foster greater clarity of communication? Perhaps just address one of the previously listed questions will prove to be a step in the right direction--a step whereby your individual "recovery lamp" may burn just a little brighter.

Finally, as we approach the celebrating our nation's political independence, I am filled with gratitude for the freedom from compulsive debt which I have one day at a time. Thank you, D.A., for my Recovery! Ken B.

*First Tradition, reprinted in part from the A.A. World Services book.

