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# THE PAPER III

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## Greetings!

I am thrilled to share with you the recent news release from the Library of Congress that our book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, has been named on its list of 88 Books that *Shaped America* – books that have "influenced the nation...shaped Americans' view of their world and the world's views of America."

The Big Book will be on display -- along with the remaining books on the list – as part of a special exhibition in Washington, D.C., from June 25<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>.

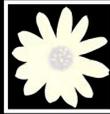
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## Grapevine Quote

"Sometimes we register surprise, shock, and anger when people find fault with AA. We are apt to be disturbed to such an extent that we cannot benefit from constructive criticism. This sort of resentment makes no friends and achieves no constructive purpose. Certainly, this is an area in which we can improve."

*AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1965 From: "Responsibility Is Our Theme" The Language of the Heart*

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### June 2012: A Tale of Two Drunks

Today I was told two stories about two friends. These tales reminded me why I go to meetings, why I surrender to the program, and why I believe in AA.

My sponsor got home today. She had been at the deathbed of her mother last week. It was a long few days, spent with family, both in the final hours and during the after-death tasks. Her mother was loving, caring, considerate and kind during those last days. My sponsor had resolved her resentments with her mother through her work in AA. My sponsor's sister hadn't, and she asked: Why couldn't their mom have been like that when they were young? Thanks to AA, my sponsor had built bonds that held the family together through this rough time, and the family had good memories that would survive in their hearts. A miracle had occurred – there was finally family love.

Another friend, a very good man, drowned last week. He had tried to get sober, had been in and out of the rooms many times, but it just didn't stick. At one time, he had a wonderful wife and family, two cats, a dog, and owned a beautiful house. He had a career, but he went back to school to become a life coach. He appeared to be doing well in AA. I don't know how the change occurred, but when I found him later he was living on a boat, divorced, broke, evicted, performing DUI community service and buying beer in a brown bag from the convenience store at 8 a.m. We talked about his situation, and I reminded him that he didn't have to live that way. Two weeks later, he went to a meeting with me and continued going to AA for a few weeks. Then he disappeared into the haze again.

I learned of my friend's death from one of his neighbors, who told me of the memorial service held for him at the boat. He also told me my friend had fought with one of his children on the morning he died, so they had cleaned out his belongings and thrown everything on the sidewalk.

I have a silver ring that he gave me for safekeeping. His mother had it made for him, and he was afraid that he would sell it to buy liquor. I asked my friend's neighbors if they knew how to get in touch with his family so I could return the ring. His widow wanted it because, even though he had been lost to alcohol, he had not disappeared completely from her heart.

AA can produce miracles, but not everyone is one. The miracles tend to happen to the grateful alcoholics. These tales of two drunks, different as night and day, heard within a few hours of each other, remind me that although many of us find sobriety, we are not all fortunate enough to keep it.

The lesson is clear to me: Keep going to meetings; do not carry resentments; forgive; be grateful.

*– J.E., Sausalito, Calif.*

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## 2012 Special Events



**August 13, Monday at 6:30 PM**

*New Women's Meeting in Greenfield*

Ladies come join us for the first meeting of the Twisted Sisters Group Starting at 6:30 PM. Join us for refreshments then stay for the meeting starting promptly at 7pm

**August 16-19**

*2nd Annual Midwest CAMPYPAA*

Friday and Saturday Night Speakers

Dinner will be Provided Both Nights

**August 22nd**

The Pleasant Group and The Pleasant Beginners Group invite you to join us as we celebrate our anniversaries

Fellowship 6:00 - 6:30 Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 (Pitch-in) Speaker 7:30 - 8:30

**August 25th - Saturday 1-4pm.**

*District 24 Presents 12&12 Workshop*

Carvel Club

4627 Carvel Ave

Indianapolis, IN



"Truth ... cut the shackles that once bound us to alcohol. It continues to release us from conflicts and miseries beyond reckoning; it banishes fear and isolation."

*AA Co-Founder, Bill W., August 1961*

*From: "This Matter of Honesty"*

For more information on these and other events, see the Intergroup Web site at  
[www.indyaa.org/events/october.htm](http://www.indyaa.org/events/october.htm)

## Become a Faithful Fiver

Remember wasting more than \$5 drinking? Why not contribute \$5 to carry the message?

*Faithful Fivers* are A. A. members who donate \$5 or more per month to help support Indianapolis Intergroup.

Become a Faithful Fiver. Your contribution will help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous

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*When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.*

Language of the Heart---Bill W.

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| (39) Mary L.     | (42) Kathleen H. | (44) Fran E.      |                        |

*July Birthdays*

## Service is the Secret

**Good Jobs Available.....** Benefits Include Meal Plan ..oops.. I mean, Planning a Meal. Special Events Committee is forming for 2013 fun. We need sober, active AA's like you to make it successful. Call Intergroup at 632-7864 for more details.

**Is your future locked - up?** It could be if you become the Co -Chair for the Corrections Committee in Indianapolis Inter-group. For more information about the committee, contact Denise D. or Chris G. Their e-mail and phone numbers are on the fact sheet!

**Our Fifth Tradition States:** Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Our Indianapolis Intergroup has a Fifth Traditions Schedule of meetings in correctional facilities, treatment centers and other institutions to do just that. Groups can sign up at the monthly Intergroup meeting or by contacting the central office.

**Miraculously We Have Saved You a Spot:** Shifts Still Available for TAS Monday through Friday. TAS volunteers take calls from 4:30 to 11:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday are divided into 3 shifts each day. There are some very, very part time positions available on the 5th Friday and Saturday of the month Yes, the 5th! Telephone Answering Service Committee can be reached by e-mail at [indytas@gmail.com](mailto:indytas@gmail.com)!

### Your Dream Job Awaits!!!

The Indianapolis Inter-group 12th Step List Committee needs a co-chair. This position offers the chance to talk to AA's all over Indianapolis from the comfort and convenience of your own home. Serious Inquiries please contact Erik D. by calling or e-mailing central office.



### Call 632-7864

"Thank you for calling Alcoholics Anonymous how can we help you". If you can say that, have a year sobriety (suggested) and want to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety you can volunteer at Central Office!

*When Anyone, Anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there... for that, I am responsible.*



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