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What is the Intergroup?

Indianapolis Intergroup consists of 12 standing committees and 1 service committee. To learn more about Indianapolis Intergroup as well as view a list of all the committees and what service they provide click on the link below.

[Indianapolis Intergroup Information](#) [Click Here](#)

A Message From Our Intergroup Chairperson

Hi,

I'm Cari M., And I'm the current chair of intergroup for 2019. My hope this year is to make intergroup better.

I am reaching out to get your suggestions on what Intergroup is doing well and what you'd like to see us implement in the future to make this organization better. We are here to serve you. Please email

suggestions to chair@indyaa.org

In Service,

Cari M.

Committee Announcements

Indianapolis Intergroup Sunday

March 10, 2019 @ 9:30 am-11:00 am
UAW 933 - Party Barn (Back of Parking Lot)
2320 S. Tibbs Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46241

We Need Help With

Corrections – Take AA meetings into Marion County Jail and Morgan County Jail

Telephone Answering Service – Take calls after office hours

SOS Sheets of Sobriety Newsletter – Submit your stories and meeting news

Intergroup Volunteers Needed in Central Office as well as help needed on most Committees.

Call 317-632-7864 if you can help



District and Area Meeting Schedule

DISTRICT 34 MONTHLY MEETING

March 2, 2019 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Southport United Methodist Church
1947 E Southport Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

INDIANAPOLIS INTERGROUP SUNDAY

March 10, 2019 @ 9:30 am-11:00 am
UAW 933 -Party Barn (Back of Parking Lot)
2320 S. Tibbs Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46241

DISTRICT 36 A/B MONTHLY MEETING

March 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Paragon Restaurant
118 S. Girls School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46214

DISTRICT 26 MEETING

March 12, 2019 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Allisonville Friends Church
7701 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46250

DISTRICT 24 MEETING

March 12, 2019 @ 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm
Carvel Club
4627 Carvel Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205

DISTRICT 30 MEETING

March 24, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Club East
441 S Ritter Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46219

DISTRICT 22 MEETING

March 28, 2019 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 East 106th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46280

Upcoming Events

TREE OF SOBRIETY 13th ANNIVERSARY

March 3, 2019 @ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Chapel Rock Christian Church
2020 N. Girls School Rd -Entrance 12
Indianapolis, IN 46214
Please bring a covered dish to share

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66th Indiana State Convention

March 15, 2019 – March 17, 2019 All-day
Century Center
123 South Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard
South Bend, IN 46601

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Expect A Miracle 33rd Anniversary Dinner

March 27, 2019 @ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Club East
441 S. Ritter Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Bring a side dish!

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District 34 Bi-Annual Workshop

March 30, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church
4450 S. Keystone Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

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HERSTORY 1st Anniversary Pitch In

April 2, 2019 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Club East
441 S Ritter Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Bring your favorite dish

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TLC Dinner

April 5, 2019 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E. Main Street
Danville, Indiana 46122
Speaker: Dave C. from Indian Lake, Ohio

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33rd ANNUAL WEST CENTRAL INDIANA MINI-CONFERENCE

April 6, 2019 All-day
Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E. Main Street
Danville, Indiana 46122
Advanced Tickets \$13 . Tickets at the Door \$15

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To See The Calendar Of All Upcoming Events: [Click Here](#)



History

Notable March Dates In A.A. History

1938: Bill begins writing the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Works Publishing Inc. established to support writing and printing of the book.

1940: Ebby Thatcher, Bill Wilson's boyhood friend and sponsor, was reported sober again.

1941: Saturday Evening Post article by Jack Alexander created national sensation. AA membership quadrupled in one year from 2000 to 8000.

1941: Second printing of Big Book.

1941: 1st Prison AA Group formed at San Quentin.

1941: 1st AA group was formed in New Haven, Connecticut.

1944: New York Intergroup was established.

1946: The Jefferson Barracks AA Group in Missouri was formed. It is thought to be the first ever in a military installation.

1947: 1st AA group was formed in London, England.

Notable Birthdays

March 21, 1881: Anne Ripley, Dr. Bob's wife, was born.

March 4, 1891: Lois Wilson was born, Bill W.'s wife and Co-founder of Al-Anon



Instant Coffee and Powdered Creamer

“ Now willing to listen and take suggestions, I have found that the process of discovering who I really am begins with knowing who I really DON'T want to be”. Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous pages 456-457.

I've been thinking a lot about this passage that I read in the stories of the AA Big Book titles “Safe Haven”. This really resonates with me because I really don't know who I am or what I am meant to be. I believe my Higher Power's plan is for me to be SOBER....but is that ALL?

I've been praying for a “sign”, a “clue” or a “hint” of who I am? What the plan is for my life? God please pull me or guide me in the right direction. My sponsor has been advising me to practice more meditation. I've been told that praying is “talking to God” and meditating is “listening to God”. Maybe that's why I'm left with a big question mark cartoon bubble over my head! I'm not taking the time to actively listen. I'm always just talking :

I know that I don't want to be incarcerated.
I don't want to drink instant coffee and powdered creamer.
I don't want to be dishonest and self-seeking.
I don't want to be the mother who lets her kids down or is
drunk when their friends come over.
I don't want to be the person who drives drunk.
I don't want to be talked about poorly in my community.
I don't want to be void of real friends.
I don't want to be a hoarder of 24 hour tokens.
I don't want to be pitied.
I don't want to be without a drivers license.
I don't want to have to be "Approved" to come and go.
I don't want to be scared...all the time, or regretful, remorseful
and shameful.
I do not want to be remembered as a "lost soul".

As I write this now, I recognize that the first step to NOT being any of these things IS by being SOBER! I don't know who I'm meant to be...I've never stayed sober long enough to truly find out.

So I guess I need to sit here, feel the pain, talk to those in recovery, go to meetings and keep talking to and listening to my Higher Power. Because history has proven to me when I STOP doing these things. I relapse. Period. I must listen and take suggestions. If I do this I can be sober TODAY....for this 24 hours. And I've been to enough meetings over the course of my life to know that IF I work the Steps, the PROMISES will come true, offering me freedom from the person I DON'T want to be and open the door for the person I was meant to be which is hopefully a SOBER woman that enjoys a nice cup of brewed coffee. Not instant coffee and powdered creamer.

By C.W.
2/13/19

Not By Myself

My first couple of attempts at sobriety failed miserably. I knew I was an alcoholic and even though I was trying. I was attending meetings, listening to others share, but I was still not willing to give up control of my life. From what I have discovered from my time in the fellowship, this is typical of alcoholics, and I was not alone. I spent many years in a real struggle, many start over tokens, many relapses, each one worse than the last, before I had finally had enough. I had reached the point where I was willing to give up control, to someone or something that could help me stop my self-destructive behavior. I had concluded that there was no way I could do this by myself. I decided to trust the people in this fellowship for the first time, found a sponsor to work the steps with, and learned to rely on a higher power to guide me through sober life. Once I made a decision to give up control, to turn my life over to my higher power, changes soon began to happen in me. The obsession to drink soon disappeared, and a willingness and desire to be helpful did appear. I found happiness in the things that I had, and the desire for more, more, more, was no longer there. I still do not have a complete understanding of my Higher Power, more of an evolving idea than anything concrete. But I do have faith to ask for guidance from my Higher Power and I completely trust that he will show me the right thing to do. As long as I am willing to do that, I think the road ahead will be a happy, blessed and joyful one.

By Anonymous



**How do you know
when you are too
drunk to drive?
When you swerve
to miss a tree
then realize it
was your air-
freshener.**

Alcoholic Thinking

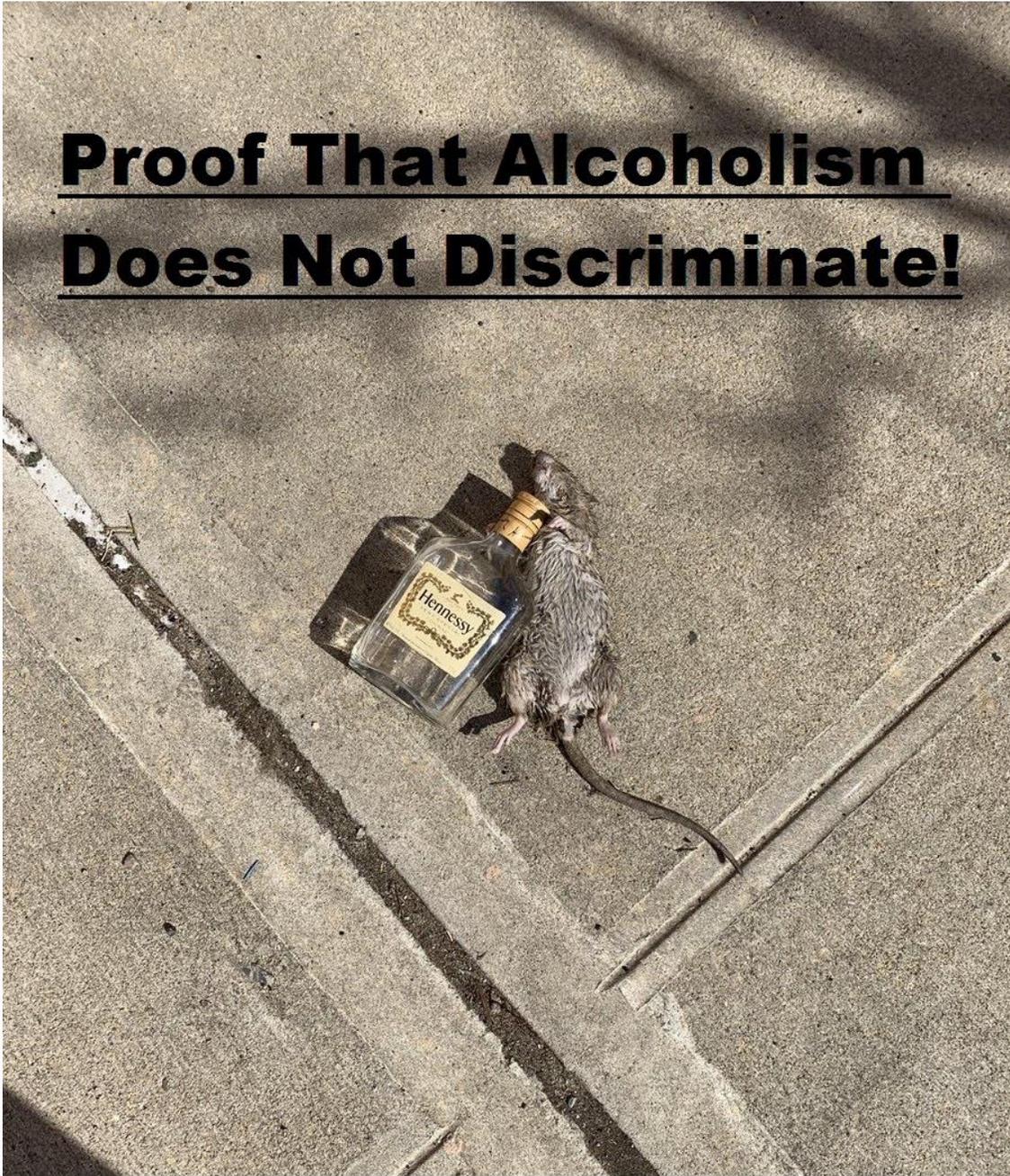
Paddy walks into a bar and asks for ten shots of the establishments finest single malt scotch.

The bartender sets him up, and Paddy takes the first shot in the row and pours it on the floor.

He then takes the last one in the and does the same.

The bartender asks him, "Why did you do that?" And Paddy replies, "Well the first shot always tastes like crap, and the last one always makes me sick."

Proof That Alcoholism
Does Not Discriminate!



SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR APRIL

****STEP 4: "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."**

****TRADITION 4: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."**

Share your Experience, Strength, and Hope regarding STEP 4 or TRADITION 4 for the April Edition of S.O.S.

****Submissions are not limited to the suggested topic and we encourage you to write about any topic as it relates to Alcoholism for any month.****

Submissions for April Edition are due by March 25th. Any submissions received after March 25th will be included in the May Edition.

Please submit to sos@indyaa.org and title your email "Newsletter Submission".

Please keep all submission around 700 words or less.

Include a title for your submission where applicable. If no title is included, we may provide one for you.

If you wish to be published anonymously, DO NOT include your name in your document and please write "post anonymously" in your email submission to SOS.

If you wish for your name or initials to be published, please write it at the end of your submitted document exactly as you would like it published. If no indication of intent has been made, your submission will automatically be posted anonymously.

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