

# THE PAPER III

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## Registration and Housing for 2015 International Convention

Many A.A. members are beginning to write G.S.O. requesting information on registration and housing accommodations for A.A.'s 80th Birthday celebration. Please do not write or call G.S.O., as this information will not be available for some time.

Registration forms will be sent to all A.A. groups on our mailing list in September 2014. At the same time, local intergroup/central offices will also receive approximately 100 copies of these forms. Most of the hotels in and around Atlanta are already committed to our Convention and the rates for each – from very reasonable to luxurious – will be described in the housing information.

The procedures for registration and housing, beyond specifying this 2014 mailing date, are still in the planning stages. Notification of these procedures will appear in Box 4-5-9 so that anyone who is interested will have timely and accurate information.

As we do not maintain a separate mailing list of A.A. members who have requested information, please be sure your home group receives Box 4-5-9 so that you and all members of your group will have access to this information as we get nearer to Convention time. Also, keep an eye on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), for International Convention updates and information.

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## Step Four - A Tool to Face and be Bid of Fear

The chart below shows how very simple the 'fear' section of Step Four was laid out on page 68 of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

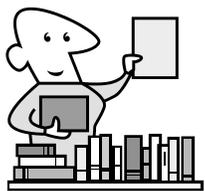
**Column One: What is the nature of my fears?** – List the irrational fears of losing what one has, or not obtaining what one wants. Of course, there may be valid and rational concerns about these matters, but these should not be allowed to rise to the level of the sort of paralyzing fear. This can destroy productive action.

**Column Two: Did self-reliance fail me?** – Go down the list and the answer is obviously *yes*. The fear in question would probably have disappeared years ago if 'self reliance' was the answer. But remember that 'self-reliance' often solves the fear problem. Those dreaded and fearful multiplication tables in grade school math class were usually solved by 'self-reliance' by the next year.

**Column Three: We asked Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us be.** – Pray the column 3 prayer for each and every listed fear.

We are told: "At once," we begin to lose our fear. I notice that I am not promised that these listed fears will disappear like smoke in the wind, but only that I will commence to outgrow them. I also realize that this is a two-part prayer! Just as Santa Claus demands that we be good to receive, we are told to direct our attention to what He (God) would have us **be**. This is a good bit deeper than it might sound at first. At first I thought I would be called on to **do** differently, e.g.: Okay God, no more lying or swear words. But it didn't say **do** – said **BE!** In other words I think I am being asked to change not only my conscious mind, but my subconscious minds as well. To change not only what I **do** on the outside, but I **am** on the inside. How am I ever going to do that?? My sponsor told me to work the rest of the steps and find out.

\_Bob S.



**Note:** Bob s. has written have written a 28-page picture book entitled, "**A Pre-AA History Book, a Study of Synchronic Events Between Years 1926 and 1935 Which Culminated in the Birth of Alcoholics Anonymous.**"

This book can be downloaded and printed at no cost to the interested reader; there are no advertisements involved. This effort is simply one alcoholic's way of carrying an important AA message. It contains many pictures; consequently best printed on glossy paper.

To view a public edition, simply Google **A Pre-AA History Book**, by Bob S.

To receive a 'Confidential Edition' PDF file, please email: [rstonebraker212@comcast.net](mailto:rstonebraker212@comcast.net)

**Special Events  
2012**

**March 3, Saturday 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm**  
*Pre-Conference Assembly Workshop*

Come early for Pizza at 11:30  
Hosted by District 22  
Suburban North Club,  
1811 S 10th St Noblesville, IN

**March 16, 17 and 18, Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
*59th Indiana State Convention*

Come Celebrate Our Primary Purpose  
The Clarion Hotel (Formerly Known As Holiday Inn and Convention Center)  
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201

contact: Michalene R. (812-340-1335), Mary O. (317-787-2507), or Dave  
F. (317-520-1156) or email: [IndianaStateConvention@yahoo.com](mailto:IndianaStateConvention@yahoo.com)

**March 10 and March 24, Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
*12 Traditions Workshop*

March 10: Traditions 1-6  
March 24: Traditions 7-12

Presented by District 36A/B and District 20

**March 22, Thursday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
*Southport Newcomers Group 57th Anniversary*  
*Southport Women's Serenity Group 3rd Anniversary*

Dinner and Fellowship at 6pm Speaker at 7pm  
Southport United Methodist Church,  
1947 East Southport Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227

**March 31, Saturday**  
West Central Indiana Mini Conference  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds

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.

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**Indianapolis Intergroup Faithful Fiver Form** Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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number \_\_\_\_\_

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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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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (3) Meghan B.             | (6) Charles P. & Tom R.        |
| (7) Bob B.                | (8) Wayne C. & Vin P.          |
| (9) Larry L. & Michael S. | (10) Jim H. (14) Mike D.       |
| (16) Irena B.             | (17) Mary C. & Connie H.       |
| (20) Scott R.             | (22) Tom McA.                  |
| (25) Shauna B.            | (27) Bill F; Konny H. & Bob W. |
| (28) Denise D. & Bob W.   | (30) Huey C. (32) Jane M.      |
| (33) Jim W. & Mike B.     | (35) Dorothy W.                |

### March Birthdays





## Attendance Sign In Sheets And Tradition Violations

I was in a meeting several years ago when the following format was introduced to me: Are there any visitors that are passing through that would like to be recognized? If you have legal documents to be signed, please raise your hand.

Would the person sitting next to you take a moment and please sign off on the document. You are now free to go or you're now free to stay. A.A is for people who want it, not for people who need it.

I use this format when it has been agreed to by group conscious. We are not part of the punishment phase of a person's recovery or in any way obligated to concur with the wishes of the courts, we do this as a courtesy. Some will argue that by being forced to have their papers signed by court mandate was the how and why of them eventually attain sobriety. I believe free will or the concept of individual agency and choice is fundamental concept in the suggestions laid out in the Big Book . If someone does attain sobriety by forced court mandate the price is still too high. My experience is that when someone is in the rooms and they are forced to listen they are less likely to hear or internalize what's being said no matter how poignant or sincere. When a person is given a choice something unique happens they become open to new information and experiences.

Since a body at rest tends to stay at rest, most if not all would just as soon stay once given the choice. It is still is the choice of any member to sign or not to sign, as we have choices.

These are only suggestions.  
Joseph G.

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## Tradition Checklist

*Tradition Three- The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over-impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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