

Gone Rogue

On Step Three

In early sobriety, when I made the decision “to turn my will and my life over to the care of God, as I understood God”, it seemed like a simple enough thing to do. As in most realizations of the deeper implications behind this “simple program”, I learned in hindsight about “simple, but not easy”. In the beginning, after making the decision, God’s will for me was to continue working the rest of the 9 steps. After many years of living in the maintenance steps, 10, 11 & 12, I came to a realization that I needed to start “behaving like I was living in God’s will”. This entailed a deeper appreciation and commitment of steps 10 thru 12. I know I will never reach perfection of this “simple program,” but as a friend of mine often quotes, “I can’t afford to rest on my laurels”. Today I am so grateful for my life that I have no words to describe it, but I can express it thru a few simple actions. Stay the course, and thank you Spirit for hindsight ~ Az △

The Idea Of Faith

Do not let any prejudice you may have against spiritual terms deter you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you. - Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 47

The idea of faith is a very large chunk to swallow when fear, doubt and anger abound in an around me. Sometimes just the idea of doing something different, something I am not accustomed to doing, can eventually become an act of faith if I do it regularly, and do it without debating whether it’s the right thing to do. When a bad day comes along and everything is going wrong, a meeting or a talk with another drunk [addict] often distracts me just enough to persuade me that everything is not quite as impossible, as

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Tradition Three

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana.

The Third Concept of Service

The Marijuana Anonymous groups have delegated to its service committees and trusted servants the full authority to conduct Marijuana Anonymous’ business and service regarding district as well as world affairs.

overwhelming as I had thought. In the same way, going to a meeting or talking to a fellow alcoholic [addict] are acts of faith; I believe I’m arresting my disease. These are ways I slowly move toward faith in a Higher Power. - *Daily Reflections, March 6*

Grace

“...Auden was right when he wrote, ‘I know nothing, except what everyone knows - if there when Grace dances, I should dance.’”

“I understand that Auden meant grace in the theological sense, meant it as a force that infuses our lives and keeps letting us off the hook. It is unearned love - the love that goes before, that greets us on the way. It’s the help you receive when you have no bright ideas left, when you are empty and desperate and have discovered that your best thinking and most charming charm have failed you. Grace is the light or electricity or juice or breeze that takes you from that isolated place and puts you with others who are as startled and embarrassed and eventually grateful as you are to be there.” - *Anne Lamott, Traveling Mercies, p.138-139*

February Chip Recipients

Jeremy	2/9/2014.....	4 years
Max S.	2/12/2015.....	2 years
Mary G.	2/15/1999.....	19 years
Nico.....	2/16/2014.....	4 years
Cory B.....	2/19/1999.....	19 years
Randy	2/21/2014.....	4 years
Lisa L.	2/22/2004.....	14 years
Hal N.....	2/26/1991.....	27 years
Russell.....	2/28/2014.....	4 years



Upcoming Sobriety Birthdays (God willing...)



Joe M.....	3/7/2011.....	7 years
Ernest F.	3/9/1995.....	23 years
Kelly.....	3/17/2007.....	11 years
Christian.....	3/17/2014.....	4 years
Aime C.....	3/17/2016.....	2 years

District 5 Treasury

Beginning Balance (2-1-2018)	\$3,694.70
<u>INCOME</u>	
7th Tradition	\$231.00
Total Income	\$231.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Bank Fee	\$10.00
Stericycle Vmailbox	\$83.07
Meeting Room Rent (DSC)	\$10.00
A New Leaf - Mar	\$15.00
Yellow Pages	\$5.00
Total Expenses	(\$123.07)
Ending Balance (2-28-2018)	\$3,802.63
<u>Division of Sub-Accounts</u>	
Prudent Reserve	\$200.00
Event Fund (Reserve)	\$90.00
Conference Fund	\$850.77
Public Information Fund	\$0.00
Total of Sub-Accounts	(\$1,140.77)
OPERATING FUNDS	\$2,661.86

**District 5
7th Tradition 2018 Donations**

	<u>March 11</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Mon. Los Alamitos	\$30.00	\$85.00
Mon. Fullerton	\$42.00	\$124.00
Tues. Hunt. Beach	\$0.00	\$55.00
Tues. Laguna Beach	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wed. Costa Mesa	\$48.00	\$158.00
Thur. Costa Mesa	\$20.00	\$60.00
Fri. Orange	\$0.21	\$15.21
Sat. Costa Mesa	\$20.00	\$69.00
Sun. Riverside	\$0.00	\$17.00
Sun. DSC	\$20.00	\$58.00
TOTAL	\$180.21	\$641.21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Service Committee (DSC) meeting
Sunday, April 8 - 12:00 pm
College Hospital, Conference Room B

This is a WE program.

Please submit your comments, ideas, suggestions and stories, etc. to: info@madistrict5.org

March Meditation

Step Three was a decision not only to have faith but also to live by faith. Our lives had been centered around marijuana—getting it, and staying high. We found that by deciding to turn our will and lives over to God, as we each understood God, our lives and the responsible use of our freedom to choose were returned to us.

- Page 13, *Life With Hope*

Your District Service Committee

- Chair** - Ryan H.
- Vice-Chair/Bureau Chief** - **OPEN**
- Secretary** - Dave D.
- Treasurer** - Kathy D.
- Events** - **OPEN**
- Chips** - Az A. (**OPENING**)
- Literature** - Tony R.
- Hospitals & Institutions** - **OPEN**
- Public Information** - Aime C.
- MAWS Delegate** - Paloma D. (outgoing)
- MAWS Delegate** - Aime C. (incoming)

Information regarding the District's Role and Service Positions at the District level can be found in Part Three of the M.A. Service Manual, ver. 6.1, beginning on Page 22.

Group Service Representatives (GSR)

- Monday Los Alamitos: Laura B.
- Monday Fullerton: Scott
- Tuesday Mens: Tony R. (acting)
- Wednesday Costa Mesa: Az A. (acting)
- Thursday Costa Mesa: Layne
- Thursday Long Beach: **OPEN**
- Friday Orange: Ernest F.
- Saturday Costa Mesa: Terry H.
- Sunday Riverside: Cory

EVENTS

MA District 5 June Campout

June 15-18, 2018

Black Mountain Group Campground - Idyllwild, CA

Visit www.madistrict5.org/events for more information.