

Workshop

The Gifts of the Program District 20 Fall Workshop

Saturday, November 1, 2014 8am-noon
Davisville Church
325 Street Road
Southampton 18966

Grief Workshop

Sunday, November 23, 2014 9:30am - 5PM
St. Gabriel's Monastery
631 Griffin Pond Rd
Clarks Summit 18411

SAVE THE DATE

The PA Al-Anon Convention

May 29 - 31, 2015
Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA

**Northern Mid Atlantic Alateen Assembly
and Conference**

July 10 - July 12, 2015
Starts at 3:00 PM
Shippensburg University
1871 Old Main Drive
Shippensburg, PA 17257



Fall Dance

AISDV Fall Dinner Dance Fundraiser

The 2014 AISDV Fall Dinner Dance will be held on
Saturday, 11/8/14 at 6 pm - 11 pm at:

First District Plaza
Grand Ballroom
3801 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Registration Deadline
is 10/31/14 -
No tickets will be sold
at the door!

Al-Anon Anniversary Meetings

Darby Colwyn Sunday Night Anniversary

18th Anniversary (District 5)

Sunday, Nov 2, 2014 6PM
BVM Church
MacDade Blvd & Main St
Darby Colwyn 19023

Courage To Change 13th Anniversary Meeting

Monday, Nov 3, 2014 11:45AM
Family of God Lutheran Church
4770 Route 202
Buckingham 18912

Depend Upon Unity Men's Meeting

9th Anniversary

Tuesday, Nov 4, 2014 7PM
Livingrin (basement)
350 S Main St, Suite 101
Doylestown 18901

30th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, Nov 6, 2014 7PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
2nd St. Pike & Knowles Ave
Southampton 18966

Wednesday Night Beginners

Al-Anon Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday Nov 26, 2014 7:30PM
Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church Parish House
2212 Spruce St
Philadelphia 19103

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November's Step, Tradition and Concept

Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.



I often struggle to know what is my will and what is God's. I feel serenity slipping from me while a war is waged within my mind and loud voices urge me to take one path or another.

Doubt is an unavoidable companion of spiritual seeking. I don't have an instruction book, so I must continue to explore and challenge my perceptions. I know that when I feel a desperate urge to act, it is usually my will that is pushing, and when I feel a calm certainty, it is usually God's. But much of the time, I don't have such a clear indication. What then? Sometimes I wait for clarity or try to listen more closely for guidance; I may share my confusion and ask for wisdom of others; or I may just make a choice, take an action, and see what happens. More will be revealed when the time is right, no matter what choice I make. Since I have turned my will and my life over to God, any choice I make can be used to carry out His will.

Today's reminder:

Today I will remember that uncertainty is not a fault but an opportunity. Everything I do and everything that crosses my path - people, situations, ideas - all have the potential to contribute to my growth and understanding. Just for today, I don't have to know what that contribution will be.

"There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds." ~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson

(From *Courage to Change* Page 69)

Tradition 11

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and TV. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all AA members.



"When the student is ready, the teacher appears," say the Zen Buddhists. Or, as an Al-Anon speaker put it, "We each get here right on time." To me, this is an important reason to have a public relations policy based on attraction rather than promotion, as the Eleventh Tradition suggests.

My own arrival in Al-Anon was right on schedule. I first heard about the program when I was a teenager; I attended my first meeting twenty years later. I don't regret the lapse of time because

I don't think I would have been ready to come to Al-Anon any sooner - I spent those twenty years resenting any implication from well-meaning family members that I had been affected by alcoholism. Only after many years of living with the effects of the disease did I really become ready to get help. No amount of nagging would have hurried me along any faster.

Today's reminder:

There is no magic wand that can make others ready for Al-Anon. And it is presumptuous to assume that I have a better idea of their true path than they do. Let me help those who want help. When my life improves as a result of working the program myself, I do more to carry the message than I ever could by forcing it on others.

"Let me not dilute the effectiveness of the help I can give by letting it take the form of giving advice. I know I will never have enough insight into another's life to tell that person what is best to do."

The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage
(From *Courage to Change* Page 36)

Concept 11

The World Service Office is composed of selected committees, executives and staff members.



Concept Eleven is about partnership and collaboration. The spiritual principle it embodies is that we are not alone and that we do not need to work in isolation. It reflects our collective experience, which has shown us that with mutual trust, respect for each other, and dedication to a common goal, we can achieve amazing results.

At the World Service Office, partnerships and cooperation abound. Paid and unpaid workers share responsibilities and offer insights for extending the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen as effectively and efficiently as possible to families and friends of alcoholics throughout the world.

The mix of volunteers, committees, executives, and staff members embodies the diversity of the fellowship and exemplifies the equal voice that each Al-Anon member brings to their individual Al-Anon family group. The same spiritual principles that guide personal recovery from alcoholism also direct the business practices of Al-Anon. Whether applied to Al-Anon service or our personal lives, these principles help us work and live in harmony with each other.

There is no difference between good spiritual practice and good business practice. As our cofounder Lois W. Said, "I don't think there is a spiritual part of the program. I think Al-Anon is a spiritual program. Every activity can have a spiritual motive."

(From *How Al-Anon Works*, page 138, 139)