

Alcoholics Anonymous

Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends

Your Local A.A. Community

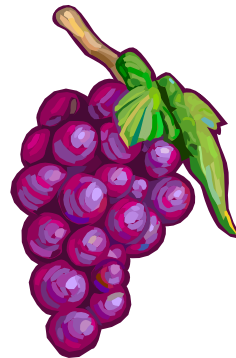
A.A. in Your Community

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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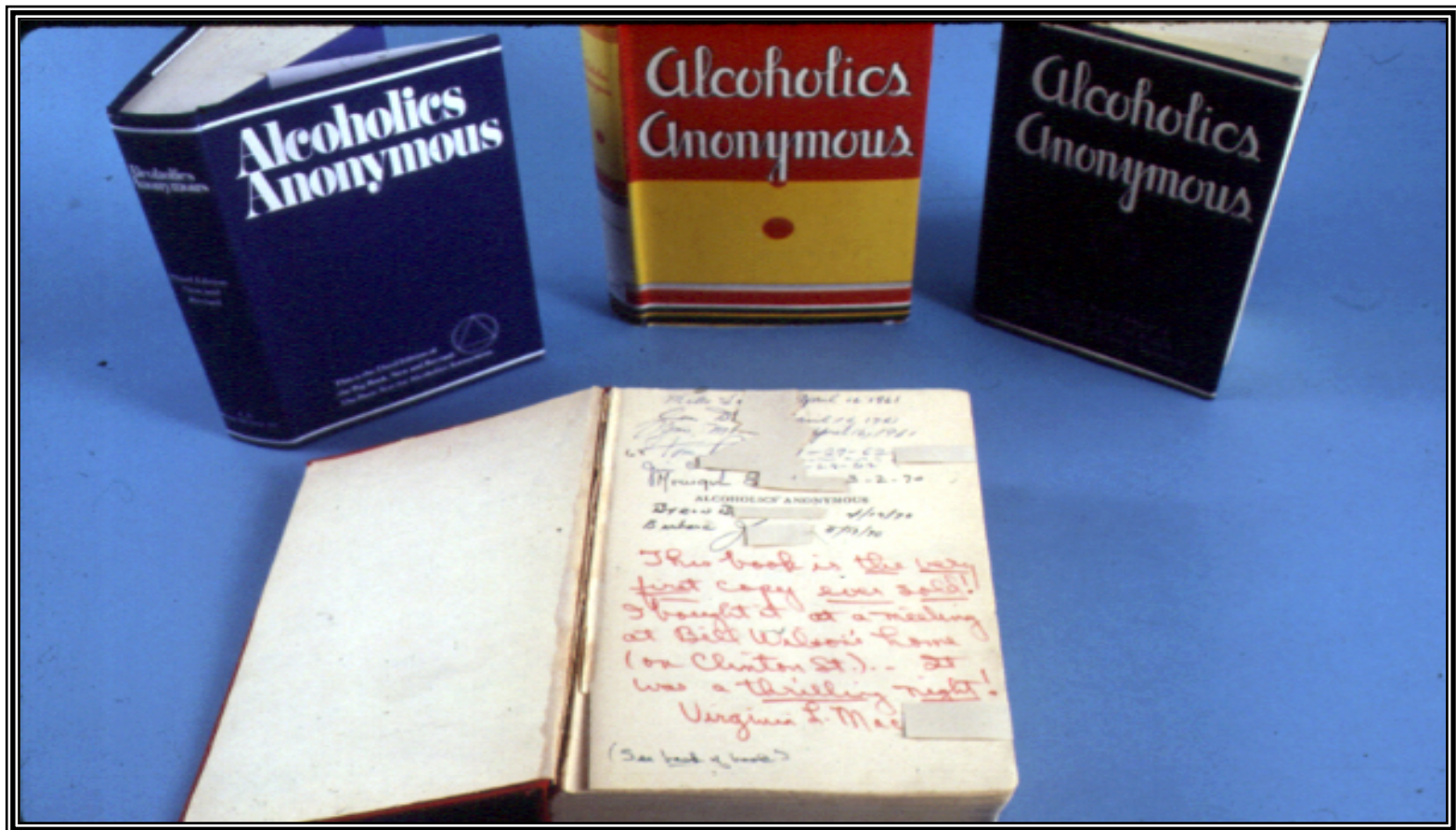
Some Facts About A.A.



The A.A. Program of Action

- A way to stop drinking and stay stopped
- A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps are the program of recovery
- The Steps are based on the experience of early A.A. members
- A.A. is spiritual, not religious

A.A.'s Spirit of Service

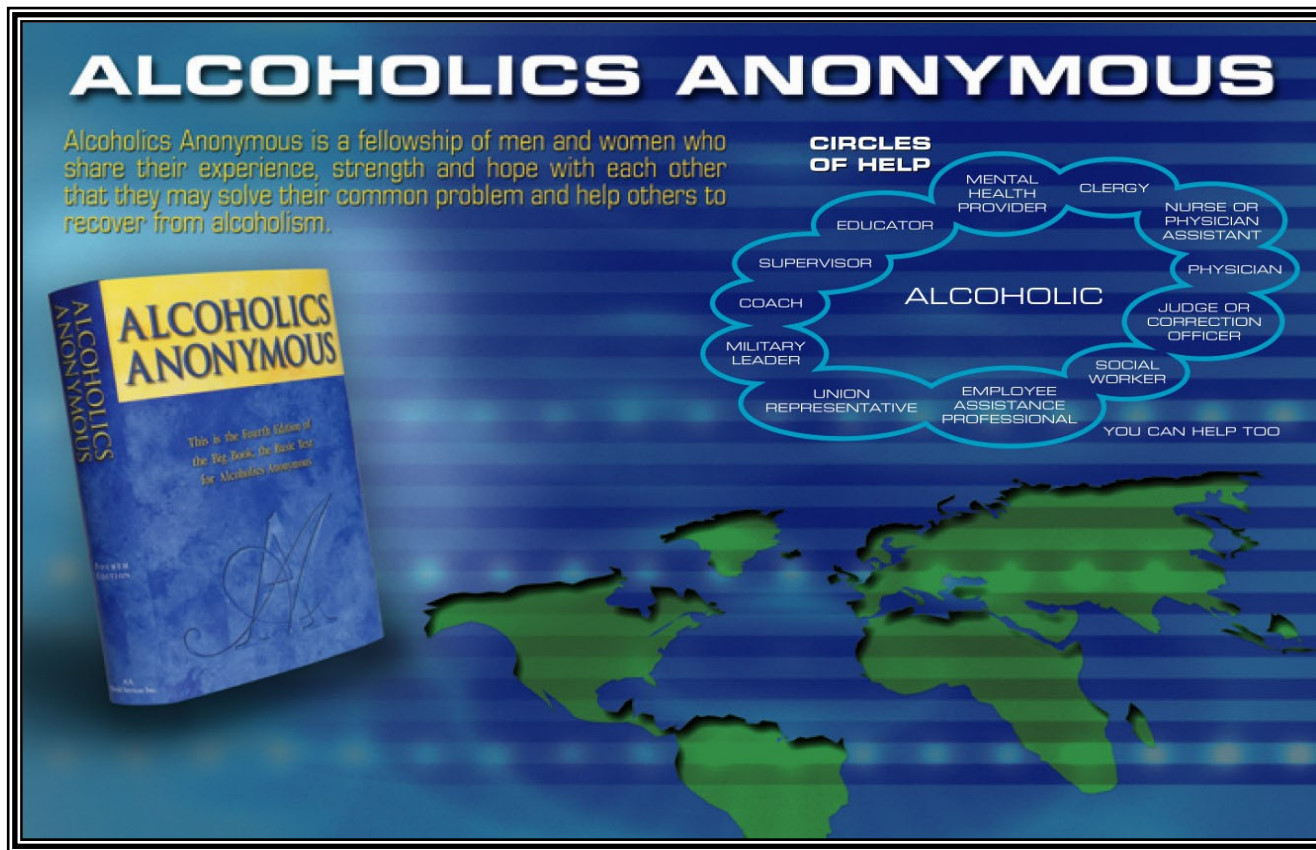


A.A. Unity

- **A.A.'s Twelve Traditions ensure unity and act as a guide for members, groups, and the Fellowship as a whole**



A.A.'s Twelve Traditions



What Does A.A. Do?

- Offers a Twelve Step program of recovery
- Groups put on A.A. meetings
- A.A. members share their experience
- Local committees carry the A.A. message

What Does A.A. Not Do?

- **Solicit members**
- **Make medical diagnoses**
- **Provide hospitalization or drugs**
- **Keep attendance records/case histories**
- **Offer religious services**
- **Address prevention, treatment, advocacy or legislation**

Singleness of Purpose

- A.A.'s focus is on recovery from alcoholism
- Anyone may observe *open* meetings
- Closed meetings are for those with a drinking problem.
- Anyone with a desire to stop drinking may become an A.A. member
- A.A. members bring meetings into correctional and treatment facilities

A.A. and Professionals

- Referrals to A.A. may help someone with a drinking problem find a way to stop drinking
- A.A. members in your community can help your patients/clients with drinking problems
- A.A. members can give informational presentations for professionals

Proof of Attendance at A.A. Meetings

- **Signing slips – it is up to each A.A. group to decide if/how to handle the signing of attendance slips**
- **A.A. is not allied with nor does it endorse court or treatment programs**
- **Some A.A. groups choose to cooperate with these programs**

How Can You Cooperate with A.A. to Help your Patients/Clients?

- Maintain contact with the local A.A. community
- Contact a local A.A. office for *open* A.A. meeting information
- Observe *open* A.A. meetings
- Read A.A. literature directed to professionals
- Subscribe to the *About A.A.* newsletter (free) and *The A.A. Grapevine* or *La Viña* magazines (cost)
- Contact the General Service Office to get connected with local A.A.s

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Thank You!

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