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The Serenity Prayer ...It's origin is traced

AT long last the mystery of the Serenity Prayer has been solved!

We have learned who wrote it, when it was written and how it came to the attention of the early members of AA. We have learned, too, how it was originally written, a bit of information which should lay to rest all arguments as to which is the correct quotation.

The timeless little prayer has been credited to almost every theologian, philosopher and saint known to man. The most popular opinion on its authorship favors St. Francis of Assisi.

It was actually written by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in about 1932 as the ending to a longer prayer. In 1934 the doctor's friend and neighbor, Dr. Howard Robbins asked permission to use that part of the longer prayer in a compilation he was making at the time. It was published in that year in Dr. Robbins' book of prayers.

Dr. Niebuhr says, "Of course, it may have been spooking around for years, even centuries, but I don't think so. I honestly do believe that I wrote it myself."

It came to the attention of an early member of AA in 1939. He read it

STEP 3

Made a decision to
turn our will and
our lives over to
the care of God as
we understood
Him.

TRADITION 3

The only
requirement for
A.A. membership
is a desire to
stop drinking.

in an obituary appearing in the *New York Times*. He liked it so much he brought it in to the little office on Vesey St. for Bill W. to read. When Bill and the staff read the little prayer, they felt that it particularly suited the needs of AA. Cards were printed and passed around. Thus the simple little prayer became an integral part of the AA movement.

Today it is in the pockets of thousands of AAs; it is framed and placed on the wall of AA meeting rooms throughout the world; it

appears monthly on the back cover of your magazine and every now and then someone tells us that we have quoted it incorrectly. We have.

As it appears in *The A.A. Grapevine*, it reads:

God grant me the serenity To accept things I cannot change, Courage to change things I can, And wisdom to know the difference.

Many tell us that it should read:

God grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change; The courage to change the things I can; And the wisdom to know the difference.

The way it was originally written by Dr. Niebuhr is as follows:

God give me the serenity to accept things which cannot be changed; Give me courage to change things which must be changed; And the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

Dr. Niebuhr doesn't seem to mind that his prayer is incorrectly quoted. . .a comma. . .a preposition. . .even several verbs. . .the meaning and the message remain intact.

"In fact," says the good doctor, "in some respects, I believe your way is better."

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 11	District 8 General Service Meeting @5pm Triangle Club, WPB
Mar 14	Boca Raton Speaker Group Anniversary Meeting Guest Speaker: Sandy B. , from Tampa, FL. 8:30 PM at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton
Mar 14-18	Florida Roundup @ Deauville Beach Resort, Miami www.floridaroundup.org
Mar 16-18	2007 Soberstock Unity, Recovery & Music! Tent Camping only! Camp Brorein, 16901 Boy Scout Rd., Odessa, FL 33556. Visit www.soberstock.com for info and directions.
Mar 18	SPBC Intergroup Special Event Speaker Meeting: Sunday 2pm to 4pm at the Boca Pines Club
Mar 28	South County Intergroup Business Meeting. 7 p.m., Delray Central House, H&I meets at 6:30 pm.
Mar 29 - Apr 1	International Men's Conference in Las Vegas – "Viva Las Vegas." Info at www.iaamcvegas.org
Mar 31	Delray Central House Tradition Workshop: 2:00 to 4:30pm. Traditions 1,2 and 3. District 8 will have their Archives on display.
Apr 13 - 15	Area 15 General Service Quarterly/Assembly ~ Crowne Plaza at Sabal Park ~ Tampa, FL ~ Phone: 813-623-6363 ~ Reservations: 800-465-4239
Apr 13 - 15	5th Carolinas Spring Fling! Marriott Executive Park. Charlotte, NC. Info: www.carolinasspringfling.com
Apr 20	2nd Anniversary of Blue Lake Group @ New Covenant Church, 3311 N. Andrews Ave. Ext., Pompano Beach 6pm: Coffee Hour - 6:30 Dinner - 8:30 Speaker Chris R Bring a desert!
May 4-6	Serenity Weekend Women's Spring Conference Registration: \$30 "The Woman I Am, The Woman I want to Become" At Holiday Inn Town Center (\$89/night) Info: Ann P. 407-876-4430
May 25 - 27	21st Annual "Gathering of Eagles" ~ Memorial Day Wk-End Doubletree Hotel Dallas, TX ~ over 7000 Yrs of Recovery Celebrated in 2006! Special Speaker ~ Sister Maurice. Information & Registration: www.dallasgatheringofeagles.org
May 25-28	Daytona 17th Spring Conference & Memorial Weekend Party Registration: \$25 & Hotel \$89/night. Info: 877-902-5975 or download registration form: www.leestapesandcads.com
June 9	Founders Day Dinner: Time, location to be announced
July 13-15	Way of Life Conference – Singer Island, FL at the Crown Plaza Oceanfront Hotel - ~ 561-842-6171~\$129/nite Circuit Speakers, Workshops, Beach Meetings, Fun in the Sun! Information@wayoflifeconference.com
Aug 8-12	51st Florida State Convention ~ ...and great events will come to pass ~ Caribe Royale All-Suites Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, FL. 800-823-8300 or www.CaribeRoyale.com . Register: www.flstateconvention.com .
Aug 16 - 19	63rd SouthEastern Conference ~ Biloxi, Mississippi "Our 12th Step Responsibility ~ Are We Going To Any Length?" Imperial Palace Hotel ~ 1-888-946-2847 or www.ipbiloxi.com . (Must use code V491 to receive special rates) Conference registration forms available at Intergroup office.
Oct 27-Nov 3	Gratitude Cruise on Liberty of the Seas with Speakers including our very own Dave F. and Ben T. Visit: www.sobercelebrations.com for additional info

Meeting Updates & Changes:

Happy Hour Group, Boca Raton: has moved as of January to the Congregational Church, 451 SW 4th Ave. They continue meeting on Friday at 5:30pm.

Lunch Bunch, Boca Raton Lion's Club: Tues, Wed, Fri at 12:00 noon has changed to Open Meeting format.

Sober Sisters, Boca Raton: New time Saturday 8:45AM to 9:45AM

Boca AA Study Group, Boca Lions Club, meets on Saturdays at 10:30AM: Changing format to Open Speaker Literature discussion.

Just Before Dawn Group, meets at 6:30 A.M., Mon - Fri: has moved from Delray to Ascension Lutheran Church, 2929 South Seacrest Blvd., in Boynton Beach.

The Lantana Group: Relocated back to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1000 E. Lantana Rd. for their 7:00 PM Thursday meeting.

Re-Entry Group: New time starting Jan 2, 2007: 8:00pm, Tues. OSBTD~ (varied format); Evergreen House, 313 W Woolbright Rd., Boynton Beach

New Group Listing:8:30 A.M. Divas

Thursday, 8:30 am. Open Women's Discussion
Location: Crossroads Club, 1700 Lake Ida Road, Delray Beach

Right To Sobriety Group:

Sunday 11:00 A.M. Open Discussion
Location: Our Club, 9 North H. Street, Lake Worth

REMOVE:

Saturday Boynton Beach Big Book Step Study, First Baptist Church, Boynton:
They have cancelled meeting while looking for a new location.

Recovery First, Lantana: Meeting cancelled.

Intergroup Meeting
last Wednesday of each month at
at Central House, 7pm.
All AA members are welcome to
attend.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 28 ~ April 25 ~ May 30 ~ June 27 ~ July 25 ~ Aug
29 ~ Sept 26 ~ Oct 31 ~ Nov 28 ~ Dec 26

INTERGROUP SPECIAL EVENT SERIES

This event will has been moved to every three months
and will be hosted at different locations

Sunday - March 18 from 2 to 4pm
Boca Pine Club

*Central House will be bringing the meeting to Boca
Pines Club*

January 31, 2007 - Office Manager Report:

We have a couple of meeting changes that did not make it into our last W&W:

The Saturday Boynton Beach Big Book Study that met at the First Baptist Church has been discontinued. They are looking for a new location, but have not found one as of yet.

The Happy Hour Group in Boca Raton on Fridays at 5:30, has moved to Congregational Church at 451 SW 4th Ave.

The Boca Raton Speaker Group will be hosting a special Speaker meeting at St Gregory's Church on March 14th at 8:30pm to celebrate their 1st Anniversary. Sandy B from Tampa will be the Speaker that evening.

As Justin mentioned, we have all the Annual Contribution Reports for each group available here tonight. If there are any discrepancies or questions, please call Intergroup.

The office volunteer schedule has filled in quite nicely this past month. However, some of my volunteers are temporary, so new volunteers are always welcome. We constantly need 12th Step Call volunteers for daytime hours (during office hours) – please answer your cell phones when you see AA on the ID! I will not be leaving messages for 12th Step calls.

I am going to introduce you to one of our office volunteers, and let her share a little about how she spends her time in the Intergroup office. Here is Sheryl of the Saturday Beginners Group at Boca Pines Club. I want to thank Sheryl and all the dedicated volunteers who suit up and show up! Please keep coming back!

I'm beginning my 3rd new year with you – and sometimes I love it and sometimes I don't. But I always go home a better person at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting our Intergroup office this past year – with your contributions of time, money and prayers.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,
Pam T.

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

April 13-15, 2007 Area 15 General Service Quarterly/ Assembly ~ Hosted by District 2 ~ Crowne Plaza at Sabal Park ~ Tampa, FL ~ Phone: 813-623-6363 ~ Reservations: 800-465-4239

July 13-15, 2007 Area 15 General Service Quarterly Hosted by District 9 ~ Ft. Lauderdale

October 5-7, 2007 Area 15 General Service Quarterly Hosted by District 8 ~ Boca Raton

All AA members are welcome to attend

District 8 Meeting Schedule

(All Meetings at Triangle Club, West Palm Beach)

March 11, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45pm Business District 8
April 22, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45pm Business District 8
May 20, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45pm Business District 8
June 10, 2007	Delegates Report Time not set yet
July 8, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45pm Business District 8
August 12, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45pm Business District 8
September 9, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45 pm Business District 8
October 14, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45 pm Business District 8
November 11, 2007	5pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45 pm Business District 8
December 9, 2007	5 pm GSR/DCM Sharing 5:45 pm Business District 8

All AA members are welcome to attend

A young lady shares with us:

**A heavy heart
Like a stone at the bottom of the sea
A life with no direction
Yet has a desire to feel a need
A blank stare and smile
One to cover all those tears
A girl who cannot hide
But will not face her fears
Surrounded by love and support
She won't reach for their hands
In this world she feels alone
And alone is where she stands
I am this girl I speak of
I have been...for 27 years
I need to change my way of life
Be that girl who will face her fears.
.....by Jennifer F.**

12th Step Story of the Month:

A couple walked in the Intergroup office last month....

The wife, very pregnant, stated that she wanted us to tell her husband how to stop drinking...NOW!

The guilt-ridden husband hung his head and cried. We had a male volunteer that day – his first day here – and we sent the husband into the back office with this new volunteer.

The wife, well, we told her about Al-Anon, gave her the number to call, and shared the disease concept with her. While waiting for her husband, she called Al-Anon from our phone, and agreed to go to one of their meetings. A short while later, they left with a Big Book, lots of pamphlets and a meeting list.

We never heard from them, but the new volunteer called me the next day. He's in his first year of sobriety, and said that he would never forget that time he spent with this alcoholic. This was his first 12th Step call. This is How it Works.

intergroup officers & committees

- chairperson diane s
 - vice-chair al a
 - treasurer justin b
 - consultant..... bob m
 - secretary..... alex k
 - office manager pam t
 - general service liaison..... donald n
 - group information chris c
 - institutions geoff k
 - public information..... tyler f
 - scaan janet b
 - speaker exchange..... kathy g
 - special events..... nancey p
 - telephone relay scott i
 - website..... drew m
 - where & when sean p
- *****
- intergroup dinner jay p
 - new year's eve dinner/dance david k
 - serenity golf scramble open

join the birthday club

if you or your group is celebrating an a.a. anniversary and would like to be added to the list of celebrants, please mail the following information to the intergroup office with the suggested donation of \$1 for each year of sobriety. this money is used to carry the message to all alcoholics in south palm beach county.

name _____

address _____

home group _____

sobriety date _____

donation _____

south palm beach county intergroup
75 ne 6th ave, delray beach, fl 33483

Please read and post at all A.A. meetings for the next 90 days.

We ask that the Members of A.A. to help safeguard our 11th Tradition which states: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film" (including electronic media). Therefore, we ask for your help in insuring that your picture or last name not be identified with A.A. before the general public.

Note: At the Quarterly last month the Area 15 PI/CPC expressed concerns that we have been in violation of our Traditions in the local media over the past few months.

BIRTHDAY CLUB - CONGRATULATIONS!!

JOE E.	1 YR	02/02/2006	SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS
ROBERT C.	2 YRS	03/15/2005	
BRAD H.	2 YRS	11/25/2005	12 O'CLOCK HIGH, BOCA PINES
HILLARY C.	4 YRS	02/20/2003	SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS, BOCA
HOWARD M	5 YRS	02/15/2002	JUST FOR NOW
TERRY H	12 YRS	03/10/1995	BOCA MENS RECOVERY
DEBBIE K.	18 YRS	03/10/1989	SUNNY ISLES
DAVID M.	19 YRS	02/20/1988	BOCA MEN'S GROUP
SNOW P.	32 YRS	03/07/1975	SOBER SISTERS, BOCA
CLAUDIA K.	32 YRS	02/14/1975	LUNCH BUNCH, BOCA
LOIS P.	47 YRS	03/08/1960	WOMEN IN RECOVERY, BOCA