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An Attitude of Gratitude

Gopher State Roundup
XLVIII Roundup
Sunlight of the Spirit

A special *Thank You* to all who helped make AA Riverside's Gopher State Hospitality Suite 115 a huge success. We hosted over 500 of the 5,000+ Roundup attendees this year with great eats, fellowship, and inspiration.

Thanks to all AA Riverside Squads for their support and contributions, especially Squad 62 for its legacy of Gopher State donations; the Gratitude Group - Minneapolis - Noelle, John, Tristen & Susan; AA Riverside's Chris P., Jeremy K., Kyle W., Katie W., Lynn S., and Bruce M.

Thanks for your service to the AA Fellowship!

Jim M.
Editor/Squad 70
Trusted Servant

I'm thankful for my
struggle because
without it I wouldn't
have stumbled
across my strength.



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Tradition Three

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



"I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SOBRIETY"

Principles Before Personalities

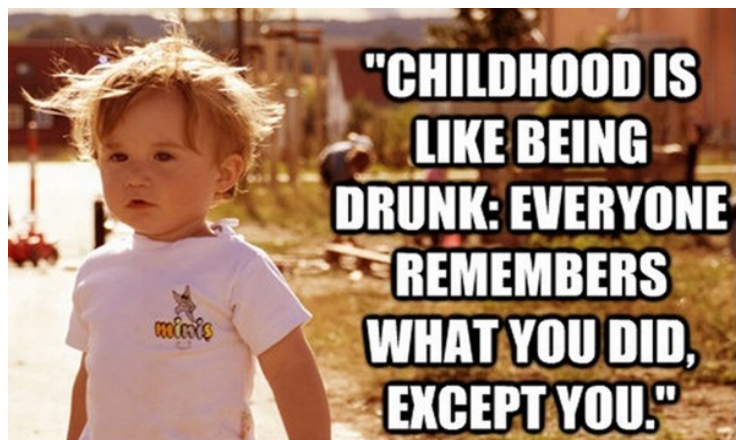
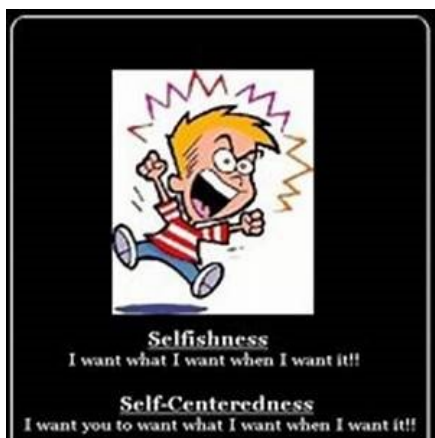
Tradition Twelve of Alcoholics Anonymous clearly reminds those of us in the program to “place principles before personalities.” Many have described the process of recovery as “ego deflating.” It certainly involves the “shrinking” of our over-inflated egos. The Big Book clearly describes the progressive nature of our addictions and the expansion of our own self-interests and narrowing of our sense of responsibility to others in our lives. My alcoholism is like a selfish lover ever demanding my full and unrelenting attention and willingness to sacrifice anything in my life for the false promise of euphoria and happiness. Others begin to see us as egotistical, self-centered, self-consumed, using others for our own ends, and selfish. And indeed I was. My ego or sense of self plays an important role in my life but with the progression of my addiction it becomes engorged and distorted, sacrificing reason and responsibility for delusion and denial.

Tradition Twelve not only addresses our individual need to sacrifice our ego and its needs for the greater good but to do so as an organization and fellowship. Our pledge to anonymity is not only a safeguard for us in our struggles toward sobriety and serenity but also a leveling, equalizing, and bonding with our fellow AA's. We leave all vestiges of social status and personal achievements at the door including our surnames. In the AA Meeting we are all equals who have paid our dues for membership which is only the “desire to stay sober” and a singularity of purpose to carry the message of hope to those who still suffer. So it has been from the beginning and so it continues. The sacrifice of my engorged ego enables me to help others and find the sobriety and serenity that I so desperately seek.

Our Tradition Twelve (Long Form) “And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”

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Like a spoiled, overindulged child, I have gratefully learned to again “play well with others” with humility and patience.



Tradition Twelve

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

Welcome the newcomer!



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Join us for a
Speaker Meeting

Online ZOOM
983 3148 0892
435229
Sunday 7:00pm

AA
Sunday
Night



The General Meeting on Sunday nights @ 7pm
If interested in helping out, please contact us at
aabtriverside@gmail.com

Please check out the 12-step
opportunities below.

To keep the program,
we must give it away!



12-step Opportunities



AA Riverside – U of M Medical Center

General Meeting – Sunday speakers –7pm
Online ZOOM 983 3148 0892 435229

AA Wing Meetings – In-person

Fairview Riverside – U of M Detox
Center – Zoom Meeting

Annual Gopher State Round Up –
AA Hospitality Suite 115 - Memorial Day
Weekend - May 24 - 26, 2024.

For more information, please email
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memories, musings, poetry, essays, photos, stories, ideas

Summer time is here!

Sober Bike Rider's Program



Do **YOU** like bikes?
Do **YOU** ride bikes?
Do **YOU** have a bike you'd like to donate?
Do **YOU** need a bike?

Lee C. & Jim W.
AA Members of AA at Fairview Riverside
would like to hear from **YOU**

Call (612) 458-0262

Trustees

Bruce M. – Sq. 62
Lynn S. - Sq. 1, 2
Jeremy K.; Chris P. -
General Meeting
Jim M. – Sq. 70
Bela D. - Detox Sunday
Jeremy K. - Sq. 3
Karl K. - Sq. 57
Dave P. - Sq. 47

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7th Tradition

Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting

Your contributions support:

- Online Meetings
- *Straight Talk* Newsletter
- GSO & AA service organizations
- AA Riverside website
- Gopher State Hospitality Suite



That's why we pass the envelop!

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Send your contribution by mail to AA Treasurer at
1575 Christie Place, St. Paul MN 55106

AA thanks you for your ongoing support!

AA Riverside Meeting Listings (Alcoholics Anonymous)

U of M Medical Center Campus
2450 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55454

To access online meetings, please download the ZOOM app on your smartphone, laptop, tablet or computer. The AA meetings listed below happen every week.

Day	Time	Squad	Type	Location	Zoom Code	Password
Monday	5:30pm	3	O MX ST H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	690 284 815	000777
Tuesday	1:00pm	57	O MX H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	924 612 379	020287
Tuesday	7:00pm	62	C MX ST T	Bethany Lutheran Church ZOOM Only until further notice	840 1425 3034	232119
Friday	8:30pm	70	O MX ST T H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	982 0212 3715	823676
Saturday	8:00pm	1	C MX	ZOOM Only until further notice	979 323 653	009361
Sunday	5:30pm	47	O MX D H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	238 221 601	004638
Sunday	7:00pm	General Meeting	O MX S	ZOOM Only until further notice	983 3148 0892	435229
Sunday	8:30pm	2	O MX D	ZOOM Only until further notice	330 843 112	013328
Trustees Meeting – 2 nd Sunday each month – 5:45pm Zoom Only until further notice					676 409 1295	147146
O = Open C = Closed W = Women Only			S = Speaker D = Discussion MX = Mixed		H = Hybrid – In-person & ZOOM Gray Highlight = ZOOM Only ST = Step T = Tradition	
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7th Tradition: Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting



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People who don't go to meetings aren't there to see what happens to people who don't go to meetings.

- Is your group not listed? Is it listed incorrectly?

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website: aafairviewriverside.org
AA Riverside & the Digital Age



In 2015, AA Riverside established a **website** (see address below). It has extensive information about: **meetings** on campus and links to other meeting resources across the Twin City metro area, current and past **newsletters**, **trustee minutes**, **treasurer reports**, **12-step opportunities**, and **AA resources**.

If you're looking for info about AA or meeting topics, you're sure to find something on this website.

In 2018, a Facebook page for AA Riverside entitled **StraightTalk Society** was developed as a fellowship and out-reach platform for members of the recovering community.