"Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and to the people about us."

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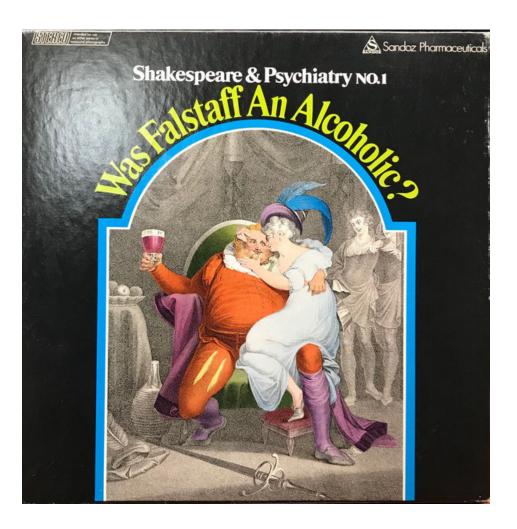
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Covid, the 1st Step and Powerlessness And Falstaff to boot!

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Was Falstaff an Alcoholic?

Note to reader – your intrepid editor also happens to be a devoted vinyl record collector. Recently he was out looking at records and came across the record featured on this month's first page.

According to No Sweat Shakespeare.com, "Sir John Falstaff is one of Shakespeare's most popular characters. He was that in Shakespeare's time and subsequently over the next four hundred years, and he still fits that bill. He is arguably the most famous comic character in all English drama. Shakespeare and his audience enjoyed Falstaff so much that Shakespeare placed him in four plays, although, in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, in a different context in time and place than in <u>Henry IV Part</u> <u>1</u>, <u>Henry IV Part 2</u> and <u>Henry V</u>. In *The Merry Wives* Falstaff is a different person but he is, in all respects, the same fat, vulgar, disgusting old man – in other words, the same character.

On our vinyl record, two academicians, Bernard C. Meyer, psychiatrist and professor, Professor Norman Holland the author of *Psychoanalysis and Shakespeare* (1966), and Morris Carnovsky, a leading Shakespearean actor all discuss the issue of whether this fictional character is an alcoholic.

Dr. Meyer, responded to the question thus: "I would say that Falstaff's drinking represents but one facet of a rather complicated personality structure and behavior. To the extent that he consumes apparently large quantities of alcohol, not hard liquor, but wines and particularly sherry, that he drinks a great deal between meals and that he shows a certain dependence upon alcohol in order to raise his spirits, particularly when they are depressed. I suppose that to this extent, one has to recognize a certain alcoholic trend in Falstaff."



Mr. Carnovsky, who has played Falstaff as an actor, had this to add: "Certainly he uses alcohol as a palliative, a necessity but then he uses everything that happens in life in the same way. Everything is grist for the mill to the central idea that I as an actor look for. And therefore, let us prolong that phase in ourselves as long as possible. To this end, he uses liquor just as he uses women, the company of young boys and so on to make the act of living more vital and free.

I don't see him as an alcoholic. I see Falstaff as coming out along the lines of W.C. Fields. Who you might think of as having a drinking problem, but you could also think of as an imaginative spirit."

All three of these experts, speaking in 1970, agreed that they would like to have Falstaff as a friend. "One thing about Falstaff is that he is the kind of person you always hope to meet in a bar."

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Step One can be understood as a stage of acceptance. The most valuable phases of this First Step are: "Powerless"

"Unmanageable"

This step is structured around the belief that one is "powerless" over one's chronic disease.

AA co-founder Bill Wilson likely based this concept heavily on the work of Dr. William Silkworth. Silkworth was <u>among the first to approach alcoholism as a</u> <u>disease</u>.

Addiction is not viewed here as a behavior controlled by willpower. Step One aims to relabel the addiction of any affected individuals as a disease similar to a lethal allergy.

Admitting that addiction cannot be cured by pure behavioral will is the first hurdle. This lack of control must be understood before a member can proceed with recovery.

Constant triggering of the addiction disease has caused life to be "unmanageable." Like any incurable recurring disease, addiction steals total control of one's wellness.

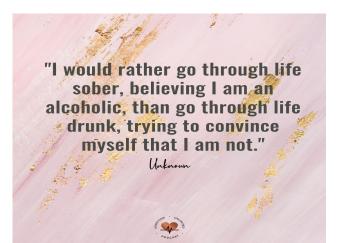
"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

I am concerned I have a drinking problem

Is A.A. for You?

Only you can decide whether you want to give Alcoholics Anonymous a try—whether you think it can help you. We who are in A.A. came because we finally gave up trying to control our drinking. We still hated to admit that we could never drink safely. Then we heard from other A.A. members that we were sick. (We thought so for years!) We found out that many people suffered from the same feelings of guilt and loneliness and hopelessness that we did. We found out that we had these feelings because we had the disease of alcoholism. We decided to try to face up to what alcohol had done to us. Here are some of the questions we tried to answer *honestly*. If we answered YES to four or more questions, we were in deep trouble with our drinking. See how you do. Remember, there is no disgrace in facing up to the fact that you have a problem.

See the next page for the questions.



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7 Has your drinking caused

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- 1 Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days? Most of us in A.A. made all kinds of promises to ourselves and to our families. We could not keep them. Then we came to A.A. A.A. said: "Just try not to drink today." (If you do not drink today, you cannot get drunk today.)
- 2 Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking stop telling you what to do? In A.A. we do not tell anyone to do anything. We just talk about our own drinking, the trouble we got into, and how we stopped. We will be glad to help you, if you want us to.
- 3 Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that this would keep you from getting drunk?

We tried all kinds of ways. We made our drinks weak. Or just drank beer. Or we did not drink cocktails. Or only drank on weekends. You name it, we tried it. But if we drank *anything* with alcohol in it, we usually got drunk eventually.

4 Have you had to have an eye-opener upon awakening during the past year?

Do you need a drink to get started, or to stop shaking? This is a pretty sure sign that you are not drinking "socially."

- **5** Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
 At one time or another, most of us have wondered why we were not like most people, who really can take it or leave it.
- 6 Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?

Yes No

trouble at home? Before we came into A. A., most of us said that it was the people or problems at home that made us drink. We could not see that our drinking just made everything worse. It never solved problems anywhere or anytime.

8 Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you do not get enough?

Most of us used to have a "few" before we started out if we thought it was going to be that kind of party. And if drinks were not served fast enough, we would go someplace else to get more.

- 9 Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want to, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?
 Many of us kidded ourselves into thinking that we drank because we wanted to. After we came into A.A., we found out that once we started to drink, we couldn't stop.
- **10** Have you missed days of work or school because of drinking?
 Many of us admit now that we "called in sick" lots of times when the truth was

11 *Do you have "blackouts"?* A "blackout" is when we have been drinking hours or days that we cannot remember. When we came to A.A., we found out that this is a pretty sure sign of alcoholic drinking.

that we were hungover or on a drunk.

12 Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink? Many of us started to drink because drinking made life seem better, at least for a while. By the time we got into A.A.,



Surrender

A moment on a winter day reminds him that id we just let go and give up fighting, we can let others help us fly again. (Taken from the Grapevine, January 2021)

On a snowy day in late December, I noticed a large bird walking among the trunks of the pine trees in the yard of my rural Wisconsin home. While I watched the bird, an A.A. friend arrived and excitedly identified it as a bald eagle with an injured wing. We watched the eagle struggle in the deep snow, exhausted from his attempts to fly. We called Patrick, a friend who is a certified raptor rehabilitator. Within five minutes, Patrick was on his way to help the injured bird.

As the three of us surrounded the eagle, he tried desperately to flap his way out of our tightening circle. His last great effort to escape was a panicked and ferocious display of talons and flapping wings. We finally were able to throw our blankets over him and he was safely contained. Patrick, his hands protected by thick leather gloves, slowly and gently untangled the eagle from the blankets and spoke to him in soft and soothing tones.

Surprised at how quickly the bird had calmed down and surrendered to the reality of his situation, I asked Patrick, "He seems so relaxed, is the fight over already?"

"These birds seem to understand the help concept," Patrick replied while stroking the head of the alert but docile eagle. "Since he was in your yard, we'll call him Howard," Patrick added, looking up at me with a smile.

We put the eagle into a dog crate with a blanket and "Howard the eagle" and Patrick headed to the veterinarian's office.

My thoughts returned to Patrick's words, "They seem to understand the help concept." For years I had fought and resisted the help concept and refused to acknowledge or surrender to the reality of my alcoholism. When I arrived at my bottom and all avenues of escape had finally closed, I reluctantly entered the doors of A.A. There, I found the help I so desperately needed in the power of a "we" program.

The "we" that helped Howard consisted of me, my A.A. friend, Patrick, the veterinarian and raptor rehabilitation volunteers and specialists. The "we" that's helping me recover from my alcoholism are the people at meetings, the Twelve Steps, a sponsor, sponsees, A.A. fellowship and a spiritual connection to a Higher Power.

In early May, the Raptor Rehabilitation Center reported that Howard was beginning to fly short distances in the flight cage and that he might soon be ready to reenter the world of eagles.

That June, Patrick opened the door of the dog crate and Howard stepped out of captivity into the sunshine of the release site. Turning to the large gathering of well-wishers, he tilted his eagle head back and made loud raspy clucks as if to say, "Thank you all for helping me recover."

After lingering for a few unsure moments, Howard lifted in the warm summer sky and flew effortlessly across the wide Wisconsin River into the freedom and happiness of his new life. Like Howard, I to am thankful for my new life.

Howard O. Cambridge, Wisconsin

• MAKES ME LAUGH •

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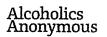
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- Harrison Ford just turned up at my AA meeting. I've never seen Han so low.
- What were the last words of the fish at the AA meeting? "Hello, I'm a fish and I'm dry."
- My brother went to his AA meeting drunk, then he tripped down the stairs. He's been having lots of trouble with the steps lately.
- Why did the anvil get sent to AA? He was always getting hammered.
- AA is the biggest 'Lost and Found' department in the world.





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Dear A.A. Friends,

First and foremost, thank you for your participation in our Seventh Tradition with contributions to the General Service Board. Our co-founder Bill W. posed the question, where do A.A.'s services fit into our scheme of things and why should we provide these functions with money? His answer was simple and still holds true today, that "Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or the world service Headquarters." It is with this spirit that the General Service Office (G.S.O.) supports your efforts to carry the message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

For decades, all correspondence to G.S.O., including our contributions, have been sent to Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Over the years, Box 459 became such an integral part of A.A. that we named the G.S.O. newsletter after it.

Now, your office and board are excited to announce that we are embracing a new method of processing our Seventh Tradition contributions that will reduce costs, ultimately allowing for more investment in services to members and groups. To this end, we are excited to announce that **a separate post office box has been established for Seventh Tradition contributions only**. This change will enable us to process contributions much more efficiently and at a significant savings to the Fellowship.

Effective immediately, please send contribution checks to:

Post Office Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

Over the next few months, we will be updating and reprinting our contribution envelopes and literature to reflect this change. To help this change be embraced as fully and quickly as possible, we ask for your assistance in sharing this information with fellow A.A. members and groups.

We have tried to anticipate and answer questions you may have about this change. If you do not see your question below, please contact our Member Services team for assistance at <u>memberservices@aa.org</u> or 212-870-3023.

GRAPEVINE News

What's New For January 2022



Be A Part of Grapevine's Audio Project!

We're back collecting stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings, and we'd love to hear yours! Learn more here.





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Get inspiration from our cofounders, see clips from our YouTube channel and more! @alcoholicsanonymous qv @alcoholicosanonimos Iv

Check out the new audio on our YouTube Channel!

The Grapevine "A New Life" and La Viña "hitting bottom" story playlists are available now! To learn more, visit: youtube.com/aagrapevine.org

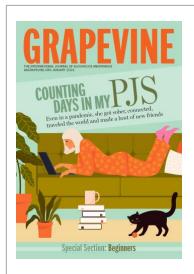
Grapevine Rep Resources Page

Download GVR service resources, tools, postcards, subscriptions forms, and much more! To learn more please visit aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources

Are you looking for the New AA Preamble Card?

The AA Preamble was composed by an editor of Grapevine and introduced in the June 1947 issue. Visit store.aagrapevine.org

What's New in Print and Online



Grapevine Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's featured section is for "**Beginners**." Members start the year sharing about the tools and suggestions that helped them when they were new in AA.

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- Annual Prison Issue We're looking for stories of hope about AA in prisons and jails and those who bring AA meetings to them. Did you find AA in jail? Are you involved in correspondence service or prison sponsorship? Tell us your story. (stories due Jan. 15, 2022)
- **Sober Travel** How do you stay sober while on the road, on vacation, in airports, on business trips or moving to another town? How did you find meetings? Have you had any close calls? What helped you stay sober? (stories due Feb. 15, 2021)

Important: We're looking for stories of experience with **each Step** and **each Tradition!** (Pick a Step or pick a Tradition and write about your experience!) We're also looking for **jokes**!



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Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Special Section is "Acceptance in AA."

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- Newcomer Issue
- The Three Legacies
- No Matter What (stories due by Feb. 2, 2021)
- We are always looking for stories on individual steps and traditions!

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Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar at www.aagrapevine.org/share

Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations. Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn more about how you can participate with Grapevine.

To listen to a free La Viña audio story (in Spanish), visit: www.aalavina.org.

DCC New Year's Events

December 31 @ 10:00 pm

Regular Meeting Schedule plus the following:

Online

Join DCC for a News Year's celebration hosted by our "Zoom Newbies!" We are so impressed by these (no-longer) newcomers who got sober during the pandemic. They are ready to take on the celebration and throw DCC a virtual party for the New Year!!

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81471678491?pwd=Y241ZDRtQWVSLytDbUpIMCtGcmhxUT09 Meeting ID: 814 7167 8491 Passcode: 446849

New Year's Eve, December 31 10:00pm Eastern – Midnight!

In-Person

Start your new year with fellowship and DONUTS at the Club! After the first meeting of the day, the Spiritual Awakening Group (SAG), the Club will be offering free coffee and donuts! New Year's Day, January 1 After the 8:30am SAG meeting, ~9:30am Eastern

Triangle Club New Year's Eve Meetings December 31, 2021 @ 10:00 pm - January 1, 2022 @ 1:00 am

Triangle Club New Year's Eve Meetings

Join your friends and fellows for the Triangle Club's annual New Year's Eve meetings.

Meetings will be held in-person at the clubhouse at 1638 R Street NW starting on the hour at 10pm, 11pm, 12am, and 1am on December 31st and January 1st.

If you would like to volunteer to chair a meeting, please contact board@triangleclub.org.



New Years Marathon Meetings

NEW YEARS EVE FRI DEC 31st 2021

> 7:00am 12:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm Midnight

NEW YEARS DAY SAT JAN 1st 2022

> 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm



Questions? Send us an email at RMCinc.help@gmail.com RockvilleMetroClub.org *All Fellowships Welcome*

Rockville Metro Club 12319 Washington Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20852

200pm to 12:30am Fri Dec 31st 2021

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\$10 suggested donation MASKS REQUIRED

Games Food Pot Luck Drinks 50/50 Raffle Desserts

> 8:30 AA Meeting 9:30 Entertainment 12:30 Goodbye



Del Ray Club (held upstairs) Bethesda Presbyterian 7611 Clarendon Road Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 718-7769 delrayclub.org



The Alcohilics Anonymous Beginner's Meetings

Here are the Steps We Took.... In FOUR One Hour Sessions

Saturday @10 AM JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29

368 Main Street Laurel MD 20707 Laurel Recovery. Org



To register scan the QR Code above or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAsponsor

Registration for the workshop is not required, but it will really help us to get a sense of how many people plan to attend and where they are zooming in from. Plus, we include a question that we will present the answers to during the workshop! (Also, if you want to provide your email, we'll send you a reminder but that is 100% optional).

VIRGINIA'S FAIRFAX DISTRICT 5 AND SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT 21 PRESENT:

Sailing the SponsorSHIP To Recovery

A Sponsorship Workshop FOR SPONSORS, SPONSEES, AND ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SPONSORSHIP

JANUARY 22, 2022 3 – 5PM

Held on Zoom Meeting ID: 858 0389 8571 Passcode: Service

a sponsor, followed by three breakout rooms for three pairs of speakers – a sponsor The workshop will include three primary speakers who will share their experience as and their sponsee

Each pair of speakers will discuss how they work the steps together, with one breakout room focused on the Early Steps (1 - 3), Action Steps (4 - 9), and Maintenance Steps (10 – 12).

There will be an Ask-It-Basket and poll questions during the workshop

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| January 10, 2021 - 7:00 pm 2nd Monday of the month except July | Check the Events Page on WAIA"s website for Holiday Event updates: https://aa-dc.org/events | | | | | | |
| Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83565638123? pwd=SS9uZVVjdkRwSFhnMXRJQWhOeDVQUT09 Meeting ID: 835 6563 8123 Passcode: 6970mc One tap mobile | | | | | | | |
| WAIA Monthly Board of Directors Meeting | CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR | | | | | | |
| January 11, 2021—8:00 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month except August Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460598434? pwd=VVBEK2FNSzcxS3VXZDFVOXhMa1oxZz09 Meeting ID: 834 6059 8434 Passcode: 819862 One tap mobile +13017158592,,83460598434# US (Washington DC)s | Events are updated regularly! If you would like to submit an event, send an email to events@aa-dc.org. A pdf flyer may be attached | | | | | | |

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