

(A MIRACLE AT CHRISTMASTIDE,
Concluded.)

We in AA will read and smile knowingly. To us, in our faith, no explanation is needed. For the day on which Jim found himself was Christmas, the natal day of Him to Whom all things are possible.

DIRECTORY OF SAN ANTONIO AA ACTIVITIES.

General meetings, open to the public, are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., in the West Wing of the Municipal Auditorium. These meetings are under the sponsorship of the San Antonio central Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Suburban and State Hospital Groups meet Monday Nights at 8 o'clock.

Alamo Heights, Collins Gardens and Highland Park Groups meet Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Olmos Park and Earl Groups Meet Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Downtown Group meets at Sahara Clubrooms on Fridays at 8 p.m. Beginners class at 4 p.m., Sundays. The Downtown Family Group meets Fridays at 8 p.m., in Sahara Clubroom.

Group 12 meetings are held in Club 12 Clubrooms on Fridays at 8 p.m.; Discussion groups on Wednesday nights. Group 12 Family Group meets Fridays at 8 p.m., in Club 12 Clubrooms.

For further information regarding any San Antonio A.A. activities, call "Doc", the Central Office Secretary, at Fannin 2523.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 year - Dorothy W.
- 2 years- Lou D.; Pearl D.; Everett J.
- 4 years- Harvey D.; Elizabeth H.
- 5 years- "Doc" B, Central Office Secretary; Joe S.
- 6 years- Ralph D.; Fred H.; Penny McC.; Sam McC.
- 10 years- Jim S.

He that can have patience, can have what he will.
-- Franklin

TWELVE ESSENTIAL STEPS LEADING TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -- that our lives had become unmanageable;
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity;
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him;
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves;
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs;
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character;
7. Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings;
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all;
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others;
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong admitted it;
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.
12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and practice these principles in all our affairs.

SERENITY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MATERIAL THINGS

"God grant me the serenity," the opening words of the adopted prayer of our fellowship, cause one to wonder if all of us fully realize just what it is we really ask; just how priceless is the boon we seek. True, the answer to our problem is a spiritual one. It has nothing to do with material things, with power, riches or fame. Peace-of-mind-serenity is a special gift that can be bestowed only by the Giver of all good things. Before we ask, we should understand; as we understand, we shall realize that to receive, we must first be worthy.