

# *The* NIGHT CAP

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*Bill was  
one of A.A.'s  
two cofounders.*



## Bill's last message\*

My dear friends,

Recently an A.A. member sent me an unusual greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, "I salute you and thank you for your life."

My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God's Grace.

If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the "Concept of Anonymity."

Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical.

On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.

A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God's Grace.

And so—once more, I salute you in that spirit and again I thank you for your lives.

May God bless us all now, and forever.

*Ever Yours  
Bill*

\*Read by Lois at the annual dinner given by the New York Intergroup Association in honor of Bill's 36th anniversary—October 10, 1970.

FATHER'S TOO

Are thought of - in warm, special ways on Father's Day, June 18th and all are wished a happy day.

BRIDGE GROUP

Is a new A.A. Group formed in New Braunfels, Texas. Closed Discussion type meetings are held each Monday, 8:00 P.M. at 323 E. Bridge St. in New Braunfels.

THE NIGHT CAP SENDS L-O-V-E

TO...Swinging Door A.A. Group in Harwood, Texas for the lovely card and contribution. Glad you liked the first edition of The Night Cap second time around and with folks like you around, it's just got to get better and better!

THE NIGHT CAP SAYS "HI"

TO...Barney B., a member of the Downtown Group. Thanks for your letter "in color" from out Tucson, Arizona way. It really brightened the day. Here's your copy and we're hoping to hear from you again soon.

SHARING VIA FLIERS

UNDER 40? THEN GROUP 12'S A.A. YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACQUAINTED MEETING IS FOR YOU! - It's going to be Monday Night, June 5th, 8:00 P.M. at Club 12, 102 Thames. Flier says "Coffee-Cake-Conversation and a Good Day. For information, transportation call 826-3510, 733-0480 or DI4-8981 and to bring your friend, too!"

15TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Will be held July 14th through 16th at the Capitol House Hotel, 201 Lafayette St., Baton Rouge, La., 70801. For A.A., Alanon, Alateen (No fee for Alateen). Registration \$5.00, Banquet \$5.00. Make advance registration to Convention Committee, 3616 Charry Drive, Baker, Louisiana, 70714. Flier says, "Language Of The Heart".

27TH ANNUAL TEXAS STATE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CONVENTION - To be held June 15th through 18th at the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. (Flier enclosed)

HOT OFF THE PRESS

From G.S.O. that is! Available now for order from New York and will be available from the Central Service Office shortly:

1. "A Brief Guide to A.A.". Almost identical to the Student's Guide, but has been edited very slightly to make it more generally useable by those other than students. Price 5¢ a copy or 3¢ for 500 or more.
2. "The Co-founders of A.A.". Leaflet describing the lives of Bill and Dr. Bob, including pictures of them both. Price 5¢ a copy.
3. "A.A. Public Information Manual". A guide for P.I. committees and is priced at 50¢ a copy.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting is to be held Sunday, June 11th at Club 12, 7:00 P.M. GSR's voted at the May meeting to set time for future meetings to begin at 7:00 P.M.

MONTHLY INTERGROUP MEETING

Gil L. from Muleshoe, Texas calling himself the "Old Mule Skinner from Muleshoe" has spoken all over the country at A.A. conventions and will be here as speaker for the Intergroup Meeting sponsored by the Central Service Office Committee Sunday, June 11th, 8:15 P.M. at Club 12, Vic E., Meeting Chairman will chair the meeting.

HOSTS FOR FRONTIER GROUP MEETINGS

Alamo Heights Group will host July Saturday Night Open Speaker Meetings of the Frontier Group, held at 8:15 P.M. at the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center on Southton Rd. The Downtown Group is current Host for the month of June.

P.I.C. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Frost U., Education Co-Chairman of the San Antonio Alcoholics Anonymous Public Information Committee needs volunteer speakers for non A.A. meetings such as civic clubs, school gatherings, etc. If you would like to help, contact Frost at TA2-7062.

THANKS TO... Gene A. for preparing Bill's Last Message for the preceding page from a parchment copy in the Central Service Office. Some of the member's have not read it and will be glad to know about it - Thanks again, Gene.