

THE CONFERENCE

AA of San Antonio has just completed a successful conference. The various speakers and chairmen from elsewhere all did splendidly. Our own chairman and the various committees, both AA and the Auxiliary, acquitted themselves with credit. Camaraderie and good fellowship were evident everywhere. The renewal of old friendships, the making of new ones, and the common bond between all was evident throughout.

Special mention must be made of the keynote address by our sponsor, Bishop Everett H. Jones. All who heard him had, of necessity, a clearer concept of AA, its purpose and its functions.

All will long remember the dynamic address given by Ruth B., our general secretary of the New York office. It reached down to the grass roots level of the individual problem and told how much our unity as a whole helped in its solution. No one who heard Ruth speak will forget her or her message.

Maurice H. of Austin spoke Sunday morning on the spiritual significance of the AA program. His interpretation of the AA prayer, how its meaning was not used by Judas Iscariot, but was applied by Simon Peter, made a lasting impression on all who heard him.

The Conference dinner dance and Noches Mexicanas Review were a huge success. Everyone had a gala time.

In retrospect the convention means a great deal more than a pleasant and enjoyable three days.

The assembly of large numbers of us from many places gives us a perspective of the immensity and importance of the AA movement, not only on our personal lives but on our national entity.

Among a large mass of individuals, the problems of the group disappear in the common effort and aiming point. We realize anew that we have the same common denominator and that the individual, as such, becomes unimportant.

--- Orlo Q.

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PAUL FINDS AA WAY HAPPIER

I have just attained 19 months of sobriety in A.A. and these are thoughts and opinions on what it has done for me:

In the beginning there was a real and honest desire to stop drinking in order to get rid of the little men and their terrible nightmares. After a period of time I discovered it was possible to stay sober and be more or less happy about it, but there was a doubt in my mind that it could last. Being cynical and suspicious, I decided to investigate and listen to what others had to say about AA and how it worked for them.

In the last year I have discovered in fact that the AA program is the way of life for me and that maybe in the years to come I may be able to acquire in a small measure enough honesty and humility to help some poor jughead who is in the same fix I was in, to a better and happier way of life in AA.

-- PAUL B.

Don't worry about getting the steps; work the program to the best of your ability and let the steps get you.

-- Bluenose Bulletin

"Abstinence is a wonderful thing, Dennis," said the padre. "Sure and it is, Father, if practiced in moderation," replied Dennis.