Sobriety Gazette

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A Letter from the Editor:

Dear Readers,

As this is the first publication of the Sobriety Gazette since I was elected editor, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the privilege of being allowed to be of service in this capacity. I am honored to be entrusted with this project, and am excited for a creative outlet I can use to be of service. I am open to suggestions on content, and would love input or to feature any upcoming happenings in the recovery community. Please reach out to me with ANY questions, suggestions, or requests.

With love and service, Birdie W.

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The Faithful Fivers Club

The Faithful Fivers club is comprised of members of Alcoholics Anonymous who pledge at least five dollars a month to support their local Central Office. This idea is catching on around the country, and is a fantastic way to be of service to your local A.A. service structure. Central Offices of Alcoholics Anonymous serve integral roles and provide numerous services to the areas that they serve. They need your support. When we consider that many of us went to much further trouble and spent much more than \$5 a month, the effort is minimal, comparatively.

As a Faithful Fiver, your support directly contributes to the efforts of the Mid-Mississippi Intergroup: *to carry the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholics.*

To become a Faithful Five Club member, simply send monthly contributions to:

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"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

"God, I offer myself to Thee - To build with meand do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life."

"It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was a most wonderful revelation. Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead ofattempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us. To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, and Step Three opens the door." - Step Three-Twelve and Twelve

Upcoming Business Meetings:

- Mid-Mississippi Intergroup Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:30 PM 650 E. South Street, Jackson, MS.
- **District 43 Monthly Meeting** Monday, March 11, 2024, 5:00 PM 3939 Northview Drive, Jackson, MS.
- **District 44 Monthly Meeting** Sunday, March 31, 2024, 6:00 PM 5315 Old Canton Rd, Jackson, MS.
- **District 45 Monthly Meeting** Saturday, March 16, 2024, 1:30 PM 404 N. Biederman Rd, Pearl, MS.

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MSCYPAA - 2024

A group of young Jackson alcoholics are working together to host the Mississippi State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. These conferences serve to carry the message of A.A. to young people in our state and to provide opportunities for fellowship and fun in recovery. Until the conference is hosted in August, MSCYPAA will have frequent planning meetings, fundraisers, and events. They would like to excitedly encourage you to join them and get involved. MSCYPAA is a fantastic place to be of service! March 16th, MSCYPAA will host St. Patrick's Day themed bingo. There will be a panel on Tradition 3. Bingo will take place in the St. Philips basement from 2 - 4 pm on Saturday the 16th. Business meeting to follow for anyone looking to get involved.



"JACKSON LOVES JILL": A SPOTLIGHT ON CENTRAL OFFICE'S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

There's a brand new face in the Jackson Central Office these days, and it sure has brightened the place up! Jill R. has recently begun working at the office, and from answering the phone and helping people find meetings to taking and filling orders and organizing inventory, the girl is staying busy being of maximum service. Jill began volunteering there after hearing members of her home group Way Out (particularly the other two office staffers) discussing the Central Office's need for help. She was nervous to jump in at first, but now she absolutely loves the opportunity to meet new people in the program, learn more about it, and help her fellows. Jill enjoys spending time with and learning from Paxton and Randy. She loves hanging out with the dogs, too!

Jill's sobriety date is June 21, 2023, and in the almost 9 months since she got sober. she's really begun to see the promises coming true in her life. She recently graduated college with her Bachelor's Degree. In sobriety, she's flourished, creating and meeting goals for herself, developing self love, and growing spiritually in her relationship with her Higher Power. She's wholeheartedly latched on to the concept of being of service, and that, "In order to keep it, you have to give it away!". Jill says that this particular opportunity at the Central Office puts her in a unique position to help others that has helped her grow personally and spiritually. Even just a brief conversation with Jill gives a clear testament to the incredible power of the program and it's principles, and how the implementation of them can change your life. Jackson loves Jill, and we are grateful for her willingness to say, "Yes!" to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for reading!