



# WABASH VALLEY INTERGROUP

## Newsletter

**STEP SIX: “Were entirely ready to have God remove all our defects of character.”**



From TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS pages 64 and 65:

When men and women pour so much alcohol into themselves that they destroy their lives, they commit a most unnatural act. Defying their instinctive desire for self-preservation, they seem bent upon self-destruction. They work against their own deepest

instinct. As they are humbled by the terrible beating administered by alcohol, the grace of God can enter them and expel their obsession. Here their powerful instinct to live can cooperate fully with their Creator’s desire to give them new life. For nature and God alike abhor suicide.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14, 2012  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annivesary Monday Night 12 Steppers**  
 Saron United Church of Christ  
 Linton IN

September 7-9, 2012  
**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditions Campout**  
 Lincoln State Park  
 Lincoln City, IN

September 8, 2012  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Men’s Action Group**  
 Hawthorn Park  
 Terre Haute IN

September 13-16, 2012  
**54<sup>th</sup> ICYPAA Convention**  
 The Millennium Hotel  
 St Louis MO

### SOBRIETY ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY AND JUNE

Larry J – 30 years  
 Peter R – 27 years  
 Rick H – 21 years  
 Bob I – 19 years  
 Cathy C – 19 years  
 Pete J – 17 years  
 Bruce C – 4 years  
 Jessica H – 4 years  
 Veronica R – 3 years

Kenny W – 3 years  
 PJ S – 3 years  
 Amy P – 2 years  
 Ahmad H – 2 years  
 Teresa M – 1 year

Email your events or your sobriety anniversaries to:  
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**TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS** *(Continued from page 1)*

But most of our other difficulties don't fall under such a category at all. Every normal person wants, for example, to eat, to reproduce, to be somebody in the society of his fellows. And he wishes to be reasonably safe and secure as he tries to attain these things. Indeed, God made him that way. He did not design man to destroy himself by alcohol, but He did give man instincts to help him to stay alive.

It is nowhere evident, at least in this life, that our Creator expects us fully to eliminate our instinctual drives. So far as we know, it is nowhere on the record that God has completely removed from any human being all his natural drives.

Since most of us are born with an abundance of natural desires, it isn't strange that we often let these far exceed their intended purpose. When they drive us blindly, or we willfully demand that they supply us with more satisfaction or pleasures than are possible or due us, that is the point at which we depart from the degree of perfection that God wishes for us here on earth. That is the measure of our character defects, or, if you wish, of our sins.

If we ask, God will certainly forgive our derelictions. But in no case does He render us white as snow and keep us that way without our cooperation. That is something we are supposed to be willing to work toward ourselves. He asks only that we try as best we know how to make progress in the building of character.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS IN APRIL AND MAY**

**To Intergroup:**

- New Beginnings = \$65.50
- Tuesday Newcomers = \$42.00
- Soup Kitchen = \$14.13
- VCPL 12&12 = \$30.00
- VCPL Grapevine = \$100.00
- Monday Beginners = \$60.00
- Just for Today = \$75.00
- WVIG Meeting = \$15.00
- 24 Hour Group = \$40.00
- Last House on the Block = \$13.15
- Thursday Big Book = \$46.00
- Sunday Morning Trust = \$49.00
- Wednesday Brazil = \$20.00
- Primary Purpose = \$10.00
- Young at Heart = \$40.00
- Men's Action Group = \$75.00

**To Corrections:**

- Tuesday Newcomers = \$24.00
- Jasonville Beginners = \$30.00
- New Beginnings Greene Co = \$15.42

- New Hope Greene Co = \$13.00
- Anonymous Greene Co = \$21.00
- Young at Heart = \$20.00
- VCPL Grapevine = \$29.00
- Serenity at Seven = \$60.00
- Wabash Valley Group = \$5.00
- VCPL 12&12 = \$20.67
- WTH Beginners = \$21.00
- Primary Purpose = \$7.25
- Thursday Men's Big Book = \$5.97
- Linton 12 Steppers = \$13.62
- Greencastle Weds Big Book = \$36.16
- Greencastle Sunday Night = \$34.00
- Greencastle Tuesday Night = \$26.12
- Bloomfield Thurs Big Book = \$32.89
- Sunday Morning Trust = \$49.00
- Last House on the Block = \$10.00
- Sat Candlelight Club Soda = \$13.25
- Serenity at Seven = \$70.00
- WTH Beginners Group = \$30.00

**HELP WANTED**

*Men needed to carry the message into the Federal Corrections Center in Terre Haute. One year continuous sobriety, background check and letter of endorsement required. Contact Dale H at 812.249.5298*

*Women needed to carry the message into Vigo County Work Release. One year continuous sobriety, background check and letter of endorsement required. Contact Terri S at 812.241.7268.*

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