

The effects of mover and shaker, Clarence Snyder, who started AA in Cleveland, OH, in 1939, were felt around the AA world, Richmond being no exception..



The celebrants of the 228 Club were obviously appreciative of those who had stayed sober in the days of yore. The club was about one year, 6 months old at this time and everyone was full of enthusiasm..

OUR CHARGE

God in His wisdom has selected this group of men to be the purveyors of His Goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring this phenomenon. He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate— He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.

Well might He have said to us—into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which had been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.

It must be used unselfishly. It carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demand upon your time can be too urgent, no case too pitiable, no task too hard, no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect, lack of appreciation will be common, ridicule will be your lot — your motives will be misjudged. Success will not always attend your efforts in your work with other alcoholics. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection. And remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact of you beyond your capabilities.

You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of My gift.

If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physicians and the scientists. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would have been available.

You were selected because you have been the outcast of the world, and your long experience as drunkards has made, or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your entrance into AA, namely, that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into My keeping, that relief came to you.

From the collection of
Clarence H. Snyder, 2011 Lakewood Ave.,
Lakewood, Ohio.
RICHMOND INDIANA GROUP AA

DECEASED AA MEMBERS (Richmond Area)

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| Nerle Anderson | Jean Nantooth |
| Ken Appleton | Paul Martin |
| Bob Aughe | Bill Meirer |
| Ray Barcus | Al Manger |
| Laural Bates | Forest Moore |
| Henry Beck | John Moorman |
| Mr. Begley | Bobby Napps |
| Ellen Bernhardt | Walt Mosier |
| Russell Caldwell | Esther Nobles |
| Bob Clark | Gertrude Page |
| Lou Conders | Bob Poston |
| Bob Condon | Bernie Presley |
| Frank Croxon | Jimmy Rano |
| Hazel Cunningham | Don Ridgeway |
| Jack Deprez | Juanita Robinson |
| Earl Eppington | Rollin Rogers |
| Pat Epps | Mary Schneider |
| Dan Fitzpatrick | Harold "Red" Smith |
| Kenneth Ford | Paul Snyder |
| Jim Frye | Lee Sparks |
| Chuck George | Kenneth Starbuck |
| Mark Golden | Oscar Stark |
| Marron Grubbs | Dr. Clarence Thorpeon |
| Dr. Ed Hackman | Jerry Thorpeon |
| Bob Hafner | Rose Tressler |
| Don Hall | Mid Wallace |
| Norman Harning (Hackey) | Charlie Ward |
| Bill Heet | Dottie Ward |
| Mr. Hilbert | Vern Ward |
| Howard Hilligoes | Betty Weiss |
| Roy Hirschbery | John Wellman |
| Sony Ingeman | Eugene Whalen |
| Georgianna Kartheus | Doug White |
| Jack Lackey | Ken Wickersmeyer |
| Tom Lawson | |
| George Lettrell | |
| Ray McKinney | |
| Gib Hackey | |

(Cons) Alvin Campbell

(SAM) Clark

Walt

Calton Paige

*Walt Ranson
Lee Smith
Rover Priden*

1ST ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



I AM RESPONSIBLE

WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA ALWAYS TO BE THERE, AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1981
2:00 p.m.