

Appendix

The following inclusions, though germane to this study, are best presented separately.

Please notice the tone of total earnestness expressed in the early Richmond preamble, e.g., “The only requirement for AA membership is an honest desire to do *anything within ones power* to stop drinking.” (emphasis mine) The word honest was removed from AAs Third Tradition; consequently, from most Preambles during the 1950s.

- The phraseology from the Big Book regarding "an *honest* desire to stop drinking" as "the only requirement for membership" was carried over into the original wording of the Preamble. However, at the 1958 General Service Conference, a delegate asked about the words "honest desire to stop drinking," suggesting that since "honest" does not appear in the Third Tradition, it might be deleted from the Preamble.

Sincerity and humor join hands in the last paragraph with the statement: “ Traditionally, AA is self-supporting, we proudly impose on ourselves an obligation to pay our own way, as a responsible member, if you accept this principal, (sic.) you may at this time share your strength and show your gratitude when the basket comes your way.”

The delightful and lighthearted Grapevine articles, written by Roy H., reveals something of the wit and jargon of those days.