

**ILAA NEWSLETTER
ON TO MONTREAL, CANADA
THE ANNUAL ILAA CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 05-07, 2012**

ILAA's annual conference in Oct. is fast approaching - past experience assures another "shot-in-the arm" for continued sobriety: for some of us this annual treatment is a must. We come together to share our common experience, strength and hope and "make it" one more day-at-a-time (the journey is well worth the price of admission, i.e., just show up!)

FIRST THE BAD NEWS

Respectfully your editor became aware of three past members of ILAA, the Other Bar, LAP programs that decided the sober life - or at least the "not-drinking life" - was not for them. Not to be judgmental but each of them (2 males/1 female) were in trouble with their bar associations and their bar licenses were at issue; so they behaved during each one's period of probation and A.A. - LAP programs until "the hammer was removed." Each became absent and only inadvertently did it become evident that booze (2) and drugs (1) reentered their lives and "the troubles" returned.

In each case absence from meetings and rejection of the lessons (12 steps) was the common denominator. At the writing each indicated no willingness to "coming back."

This sad tale of the three can be repeated many times over by many of us who have been around for some time.

**VIGILANCE MUST BE OUR
MANTRA!!!**

NOW THE GOOD NEWS

Whether by a "nudge-from-a-judge," wife, law partner, family, client complaints or, best of all, pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization introduces one to A.A. the successes are beautiful to behold! Week after week, month after month, and year after year we witness the transformation (and experience our own) by the association with one another - "as much as I wanted to do it on my own I came to the realization I could not" is a common refrain.

The strength of the fellowship is, I suggest, the miracle of the program - one drunk helping another drunk is how it began and exists to this day.

Your editor receives many calls from around the world (ILAA is on the internet - Google us) mostly by family confused and worried and seeking help for their "in trouble loved one." ILAA connects them with an ILAA member/ meeting in his/her area. Return calls that it is working and "thank you for the connecting" is OF COURSE the Good News!!!

A.A.'ers have been given the gift of sobriety - we can keep it only by giving it away.

Have you a story to tell that you would like to share? Write me, tell me about it (your own or one you know about) - pass it on - you'll like it!

AN EDITORIAL

I believe God nudged me into A.A. - A.A. has reintroduced me to God. The Book says it would happen!!

The program and info re the fall ILAA convention is available to all members on the Internet - www.ILAA.org. Be sure to make room reservations early (CAD\$179/night).

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

The trustees have agreed to make funds available from prior dinner collections to make attendance attractive and available to some of us who could not afford to pay the full way. If you would like to attend and need help, register as soon as possible and request the assistance that you need from the conference committee. We have a limited amount of scholarship assistance available,

and it will be awarded to deserving candidates on a first come-first served basis

WE ARE SELF SUPPORTING:

Your donations are needed to keep our communications and contacts current and to provide full and/or partial scholarships to some of our members to attend our annual conferences. So, think of what ILAA has meant to you and provide a 7th tradition contribution to those who are still suffering.

If you cannot attend the conference you may send a contribution to our treasurer:

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IN MEMORY

We sadly announce the death of three of our former trustees, Guy Quesnal, Don Muccigrosso and Tom Grafton - only ill health prevented them from attending our annual conferences the last years of their lives. They will long be remembered and missed for all of their invaluable contributions to ILAA over their sober lifetimes.

ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES

We are adding an achievements and milestones page to our website. Please contact with information that you would like to have noted.

POST 9/11 Border Checks

If you are a US citizen and have a DWI or DUI criminal record, there may be complications entering Canada. We have set forth some information and websites that you can access to obtain information on the applicability of the law in your case.