

# M.B.A.I.A.A. Newsletter

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## Birthday Meeting

**June host group:**  
Del Monte Men's  
Stag

**Speaker:**  
Pat D., Reno, Nv.

**Date:**  
June 27th  
7:30 pm  
Monterey High  
School  
Cafeteria

## Meeting Changes

The Big Sur Grange is again available. It will again meet at 11:00am every Sunday

The grange is located about 2 miles south of the River Inn; make a right turn at the south end of Juan Higuera Creek Bridge

Also back is the Women's Book Study at Tuesday 10:am, Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, C.V. Rd. at Rancho Canada

## From the Grapevine

June 1959

### The Serenity Prayer

*This issue of the Grapevine contained an article about the origin of the Serenity Prayer and how it came to be used in A.A. Here is a portion of that article.*

"It (the Serenity Prayer) came to the attention of an early member of A.A. in 1939. He read it in an obituary appearing in the *New York Times*. He liked it so much he brought it in to the little office on Versey Street for Bill W. to read. When Bill and the staff read the little prayer, they felt that it particularly suited the needs of A.A. Cards were printed and passed around. Thus the simple little prayer became an integral part of the A.A. movement.

Today it is in the pockets of thousands of A.A.'s; it is framed and placed on the wall of A.A. meeting rooms throughout the world; it appears monthly on the back cover of your magazine and every now and then someone tells us that we have quoted it incorrectly.

As it appears in the Grapevine:

*God grant me the serenity  
To accept things I cannot change  
Courage to change things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference.*

As it may have been originally written:

*God give me the serenity to accept  
things which cannot be changed;  
Give me courage to change things  
which must be changed;  
And wisdom to distinguish one from  
the other.*

*Either way, it works!*

## Happy A.A. Birthday

Ruth D.	26	Larry W.	25
Marsha A.	30	Todd G.	15
Shell J.	9	Gene T.	21
Judy W.	37	Anne H.	22
May H.	15	Paul B.	23
Kathy L.	33	Laura E.	20
Allston J.	24	Stan P.	20
Donna M.	22	Courtney S.	40
Maggie W.	28	Bobby B.	32
Judy R.	33	Trisha M.	28
Kitty B.	20	Roger M.	9

For a total of 532 years

Don't forget...  
*Unity Day*  
*June 7th*  
*Torro Park*

*Lunch noon—meeting 3:00pm*

*In Memory*  
Bill Bates

*Heard around the rooms...*

The first Tradition talks about "...AA unity." This means we need to all row together.