



The Sunrise-Sunset Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

JULY 2016

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Thursday Speakers

- 7th Sharon M.
- 14th Michael B.
- 21st Tim K.
- 28th Michealine F.

Saturday Speakers

- 9th TBA
Step 4 - Sex
- 16th Aaron S.
Steps 8 & 9
- 23rd Gina
Steps 10 & 11
- 25th Michael B.
Steps 10 & 11

Tuesday Leaders

- 5th Aaron S. *
- 12th TBA *
- 19th TBA *
- 26th TBA *

* visit our website at SunriseSunsetGroup.org for more information

THE SUNSET GROUP
5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks
Thursday 7:00-8:30pm



THE SUNRISE GROUP BIG BOOK STEP STUDY
SpiritWorks, 260 North Pass Avenue, Burbank
Saturday 8:15-9:30am

THE SUNSET GROUP BIG BOOK STUDY
11031 Camarillo Street, North Hollywood
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm



Booze on Election Day was an American tradition

In 1758, a young candidate in Virginia for the House of Burgesses footed a huge liquor bill to woo voters on Election Day. That candidate later became the first president of the United States, George Washington.

Washington spent his entire campaign budget, 50 pounds, on 160 gallons of liquor served to 391 voters. (Yes, the Founding Fathers drank heavily, especially when they had to vote.)

Buying votes with booze was already a custom in England. Washington also was following a Virginia tradition where barrels of liquor were rolled to courthouse lawns and polling places on Election Day.

The tradition of drinking and voting continued up to the era of Prohibition. Often, people working at the polls drank, as did voters. Sometimes, the polls were located inside saloons, which made imbibing more convenient for the men who were allowed in such places.

The strict control of alcohol consumption during Prohibition, at least in public places like the polls, made serving booze to voters problematic. State laws were also passed to restrict liquor sales on Election Day during Prohibition.

It took a long time for states to repeal the Prohibition-era laws about liquor sales, but only a handful of states currently bar booze sales while the polls are open. Most states frown on bringing any kind of food or drink into a polling place.

But some traditions die hard.

A former state representative in Arkansas now faces jail time for a scheme involving the exchange of vodka for absentee ballots.

Hudson Hallum, a former Democratic state representative in Arkansas, and three other have pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of conspiracy to commit election fraud.

"I guess I always knew all along it was wrong, but I really didn't think it was that big a deal," Hallum said. "I always heard ... that's what everybody did."

- excerpted from "Booze on Election Day was an American tradition", Constitution Daily

If you tell a person that there are 270,678,934,341 stars in the universe, he'll believe you. But if you tell an alcoholic to stay away from that first drink, he has to make a personal investigation.

November 2005

Heard at meetings: "A meeting is like an orgy. When it's over, you feel better, but you're not sure who to thank."

Roger D., League City, Texas, December 2002



"I'm going to miss the peace and quiet once she takes that first drink."

From "A Rabbit Walks into a Bar: Best Jokes & Cartoons from AA Grapevine"

The San Fernando Valley Central Office is at 16132 Sherman Way, Van Nuys CA 91406, 818-988-3001 (sfvaa.org). The Sunrise and Sunset Group and meetings are in District 17 (www.district17aa.org) of Central California (www.aaareg9.org).

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