



The Sunrise-Sunset Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

**JUNE
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www.SunriseSunsetGroup.org

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

Thursday Speakers

1st TBA *

8th TBA *

15th TBA *

22nd TBA *

29th TBA *

Saturday Speakers

3rd **Larry T.**
Step 12

10th **Jeff J.**
Step 12

17th **Melvin**
Trad. 1, 2 & 3

24th **Allison W.**
Step 1

Tuesday Leaders

6th **Karen R.**

13th **Pej**

20th **Sabrina**

27th **Cody**

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



Persnickety social niceties aside, I think there are some universal tenets of good manners that we might all want to consider — and observe — in these troubled times.

1. Think before you speak

Waking up at 3 a.m. and unleashing a tweetstorm of incoherent ramblings based on your immediate feelings can feel good in the moment. A few hours later, you will not feel so good. Trust me. Words have power. What you say, write, and tweet will ultimately convey your personality and intentions to posterity.

2. Be aware of where you are — and what's appropriate there

If you are attending a hockey game, by all means wear your favorite jersey and a pair of yoga pants. Cheer your heart out! Drink maybe one more beer than you should! Pound on the Plexiglas! Just don't do these things on the flight home the next day. Dress and behave accordingly. Not only will you feel better, but you will also inspire others to follow suit.

3. Be gracious

It's a contentious world. Always has been. Guess who emerges from difficult situations with more social capital? The person who rises above immediate conflict with tact and grace. We humans are always going to disagree on certain points. "Grace" is a beautiful, multi-layered concept, and one definitely worth pursuing, both for personal and professional gratification. When Uncle Ted starts to rant and quote "alternative facts," simply murmur "How interesting," and slowly move away.

4. Be kind

You know that nice feeling you get when you let the harried mom with two kids move in front of you in line at the grocery store? Or the warm surge you experience when you tell the down-on-his-luck guy to keep the change when you buy a newspaper from him? Kindness is the epitome of good manners. It also works in your favor, flooding your system with bio-chemicals that promote health and a sense of well-being. Win-win, wouldn't you say?

5. Be forgiving

Did that guy just cut you off at the intersection? Okay. It's not the end of the world. Maybe his wife — in the backseat, counting contractions — needed him to hurry up, please, for the love of God.

We will all mess up, goof up, put our feet in our mouths, or otherwise embarrass ourselves. Don't we hope our fellow citizens of the world might forgive us, just a little? Like follows like. Set a good example.

- excerpted from "Good Manners Are Not About Cutlery and Rules", *The Week*

A man sat in front of his home, contemplating his future. He had just gotten a divorce, lost his children, been fired from his job, and now faced eviction. He noticed a case of beer bottles in his trash and walked up to it. He took out an empty bottle and smashed it, swearing, "You are why I don't have a wife!" He threw a second bottle: "You are why I don't have my children!" And a third: "You are why I lost my job!" But then he discovered a fourth bottle, still sealed and full of beer. He took it, tucked it into his pocket, and said, "Stand aside, my friend—I know you were not involved."

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"Who cares about the future — where the hell was I last night?"

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

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