



# The Sunrise-Sunset Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

**NOVEMBER  
2012**

**THURSDAY SPEAKERS**

- 1st **Julie P.**
- 8th **Mickey B.**
- 15th **Sharon C.**
- 22nd **Closed**
- 29th **Andy R.**

**SATURDAY SPEAKERS**

- 3rd **TBA \***
- 10th **TBA \***
- 17th **TBA \***
- 24th **TBA \***

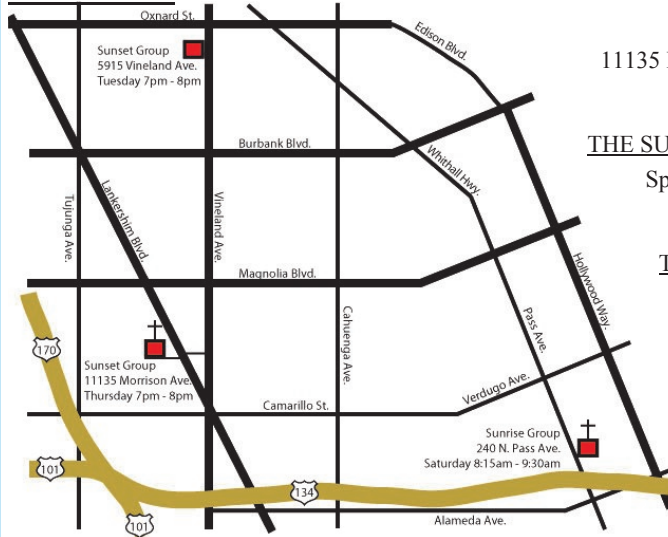
**TUESDAY LEADERS**

- 6th **Tobi L.**
- 13th **Charles T.**
- 20th **Lilah H.**
- 27th **Mike B.**

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SunriseSunsetGroup.org  
for updated information**

[www.SunriseSunsetGroup.org](http://www.SunriseSunsetGroup.org)

**Where we meet:**



**THE SUNSET GROUP**

11135 Morrison Street, North Hollywood  
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**

5915 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood  
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

**The Origin of the Serenity Prayer**

In 1941, a news clipping was called to our attention by a New York member. In an obituary notice from a local paper, there appeared these words:

***"God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference."***

Never had we seen so much A.A. in so few words. With amazing speed the Serenity Prayer came into general use." (BILL W. A.A. COMES OF AGE, P. 196)

The prayer was immediately printed onto cards and distributed to soldiers in World War II. It is generally acknowledged to be the creation of the great theologian-intellectual Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, although he offered that there were similar versions "spooking around". The next verse in Niebuhr's version seems also very much part of AA:

***"Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace"***

Whatever its origin, this simple prayer has been a hallmark of AA meetings around the world for more than 60 years.

A drunk with a terrible hangover strolled into a bar, seated himself shakily on a stool, and asked for something to drink in a hurry. When the bartender began to reel off suggestions, the drunk cut in with, "Oh, just give me something tall and cool and full of gin."

A drunk sitting on the adjacent stool turned and said indignantly, "Sir, you are talking about the woman I love!"

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"When I think of all the wasted time and money! Fifty cents a month for no-dues-or-fees, bus fares to meetings, and four-fifty for the Big Book, which I didn't even read!"

**An excerpt from "A Rabbit Walks into a Bar: Best Jokes & Cartoons from AA Grapevine"**

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