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## Q I A A NEWS

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**JANUARY- FEBRUARY- MARCH 2013**

**OFFICE HOURS:** TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. FOR MEETING BOOK SALES AND A LIMITED SUPPLY OF HARD-COVER BIG BOOKS AND STEP BOOKS. **INSTITUTIONS LITERATURE IS AVAILABLE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.**

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### QUARTERLY EXCHANGE & INTERGROUP DELEGATES MEETING

Saturday, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2013

All Saints Lutheran Church, 164-02 Goethals Avenue  
Located at 164<sup>th</sup> St. on Goethals Ave., south of Union Tpke.

#### SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. Exchange Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Delegates' Breakfast  
9:15 a.m. New Delegates' Orientation  
9:30 a.m. Delegates' Meeting

**ALL ARE WELCOME, REPRESENT YOUR GROUP!**

### Upon a Midnight Clear

#### **A Twelfth Step call answered my big WHY? . . .**

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The phone rang about 7:30 Christmas Eve. With visible effort, for I had been working all day and half the night during the pre-Christmas business rush, I picked up the receiver and heard the voice of the operator saying, "Mr. B? This is A.A. Answer-ing Service. I have a man who feels the urge to drink."

I resisted an impulse to ask, "Who doesn't?" and asked for the name and address. My wife came into the room just as I was repeating them and, out of much experience, moaned, "Oh, no, not on Christmas Eve!" Even after twenty-five years of marriage to me, and in spite of my thirty-odd months of A.A., my wife has never been able fully to grasp the fact that nobody ever gets drunk at a convenient time.

As I climbed into my car I asked God to put the right words into my mouth, to let me say the right thing at the right time to help this man. It was a short prayer, simple and sincere. I suspect that most A.A. prayers are.

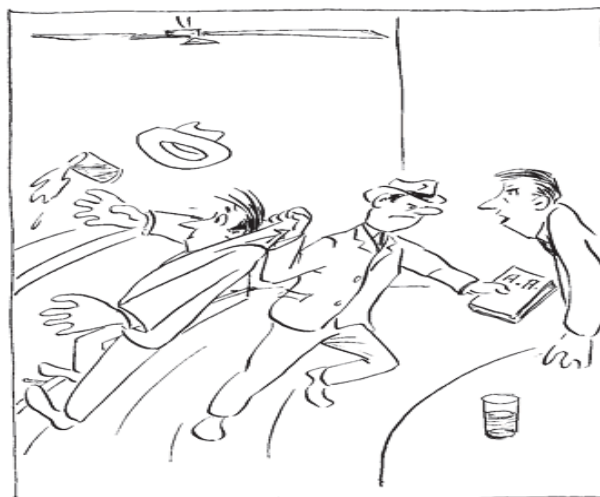
On my way home about midnight, driving along in the crisp, dark cold, I began to experience a new and unaccustomed reverence in the strange ethereal quiet—that very special and holy quiet of the night of Christ's birth, the cathedral-like quiet that somehow I had never been aware of before sobriety. Maybe the quiet was in my soul; I don't know. I do know that, deep within me, satisfying and reassuring, was the feeling that God *had* put the right words on my tongue, that I had been able to give this suffering alcoholic some hope and faith.

And then I became conscious of the miracle which had just taken place: the incredible fact that the left hand of God working through me, an alcoholic who had spent countless Christ-mastides in profane drunkenness, had been able to start a human soul on the path to sobriety. As I pondered this, I began to understand, perhaps for the first time, the full measure of the

meaning of St. Paul's words to the Romans: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgments and how unsearchable His ways!"

Don B.

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**Step Twelve:** "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

#### **Tradition Twelve**

**Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.**

#### MEETING UPDATES

- **ALL MEETINGS AT FORT TILDEN** have been cancelled until further notice
- **THERE IS A DAILY MEETING IN ROCKAWAY AREA** at first Congregational Church 348 Beach 94st daily 3pm and 8pm

#### UPCOMING AA EVENTS:

Queens County General Service Assembly Monday February 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm, St. Mary's Gate of Heaven Church, 103rd Street and 101st Avenue, Ozone Park

SENY 2013 Convention, Friday, Mar 22, through Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Westchester Marriot Hotel, 670 White Plains Road, White Plains. Check the SENY website, [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org) for more information.

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