

Virtual WORKSHOP

ANONYMITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Tradition 11 & How to Honor It

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Welcome

We Are Glad You Are Here!

5:00
Our Workshop Will Begin Shortly

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Let's open this workshop with a moment of silence followed by the
Serenity Prayer

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Schedule-at-a-Glance

2:00pm - 2:15pm	Welcome, Introductions and Workshop Overview Rick W., Moderator, Panel 71 Alternate Delegate, Area 65 (NETA) (TX)
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Tom A. Past West Central Regional Trustee (MN)
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Cathy B. Southeast Regional Trustee (WV)
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Wayne H. Panel 71 Delegate, Area 65 (NETA) (TX)
3:00pm - 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Q&A Sharing Session
4:00pm	Closing Prayer / Adjourn

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Modern communication in A.A. is flowing from one alcoholic to another in ways that are high-tech, relatively open-ended and evolving quickly. Protecting anonymity is a major concern for members, who are accessing the Internet in ever-growing numbers.

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When we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and for protecting that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should consider whether we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

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Break

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Does THIS
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A screenshot of a Facebook post. The post is from a user whose profile picture and name are blurred. It was posted 1 hour ago and is visible to a group of people. The text of the post reads: "I am Blessed today!!!!
14 years ago I walked back thru the doors of AA
My God has a plan and I will walk his path.
To all the people in my life that help me stay sober
Thank you
[blurred text]". Below the post are two interaction buttons: "Like" and "Comment". A notification bar shows that the post has been liked and loved by "[blurred name] and 34 others". Below this, there is a link to "View previous comments". Two comments are visible: the first says "Woo hoo! So proud of you friend!" with a heart and prayer hands emoji, and the second says "Happy birthday [blurred name]".

1 hr · [blurred]

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Like Comment

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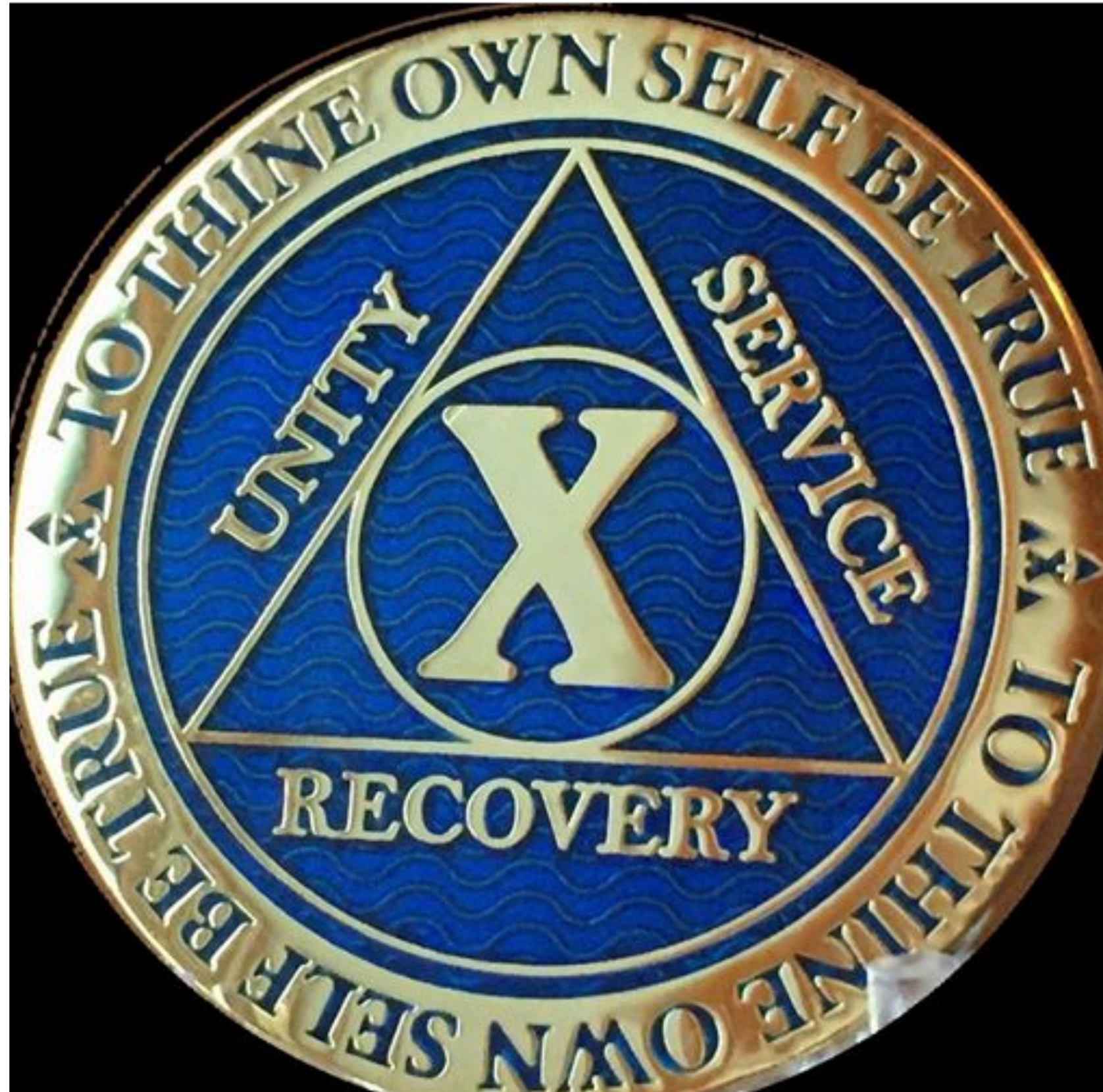
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[blurred] Woo hoo! So proud of you friend! ❤️🙏
Like · Reply · 41m

[blurred] Happy birthday [blurred]
Like · Reply · 41m

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4 hrs · 👤
Happy Birthday!!!! Wow 10 yrs!! You are now in the double digits! I see you work this program everyday!! Thank you for being a huge part of my recovery! Love you!



17 Comments

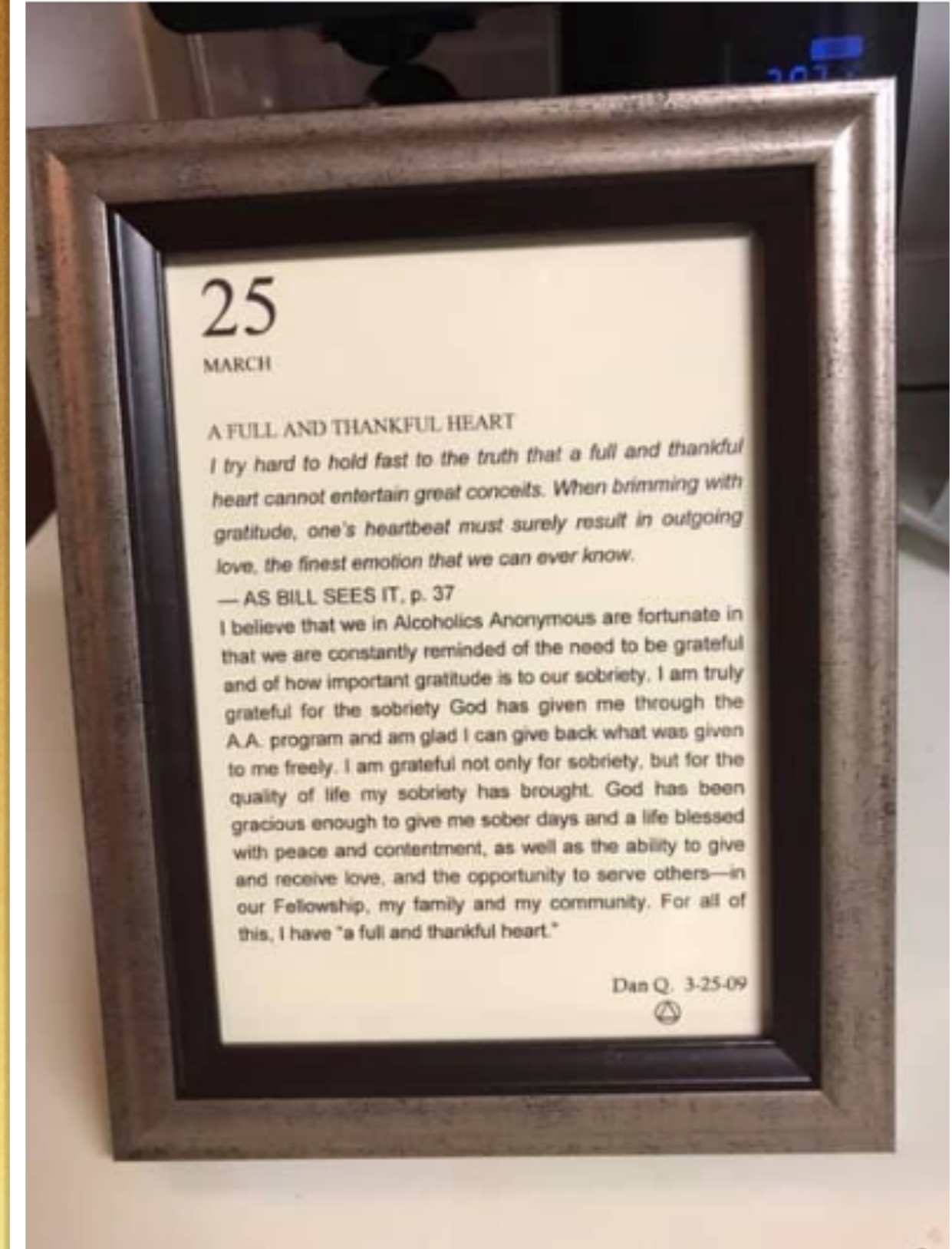
Like

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View 13 more comments

Awesome! **Congratulations!**

4 hrs · 👤
My [redacted] made this for me , thanks babe ,, nail it 🥰❤️



and 23 others 6 Comments

Like

Comment

View 2 more comments

What a thoughtful gift!!!! ❤️

Like · Reply · 1h

I never knew what

As bill sees it

Like · Reply · 37m

Write a comment...



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 is  attending 7th Street Step Meeting at
Christine Emerson Reed Park.
38 mins · Santa Monica, CA · 



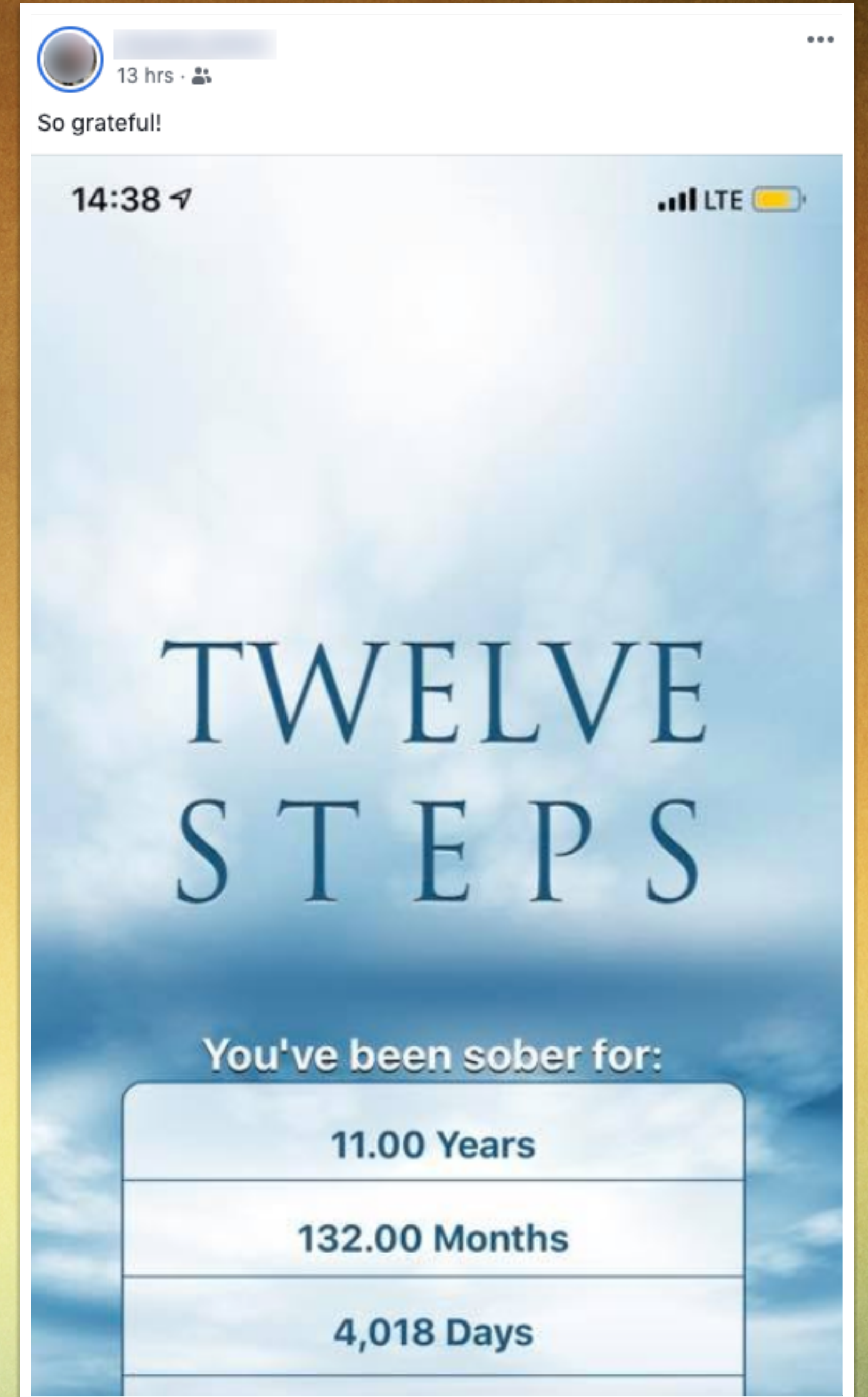
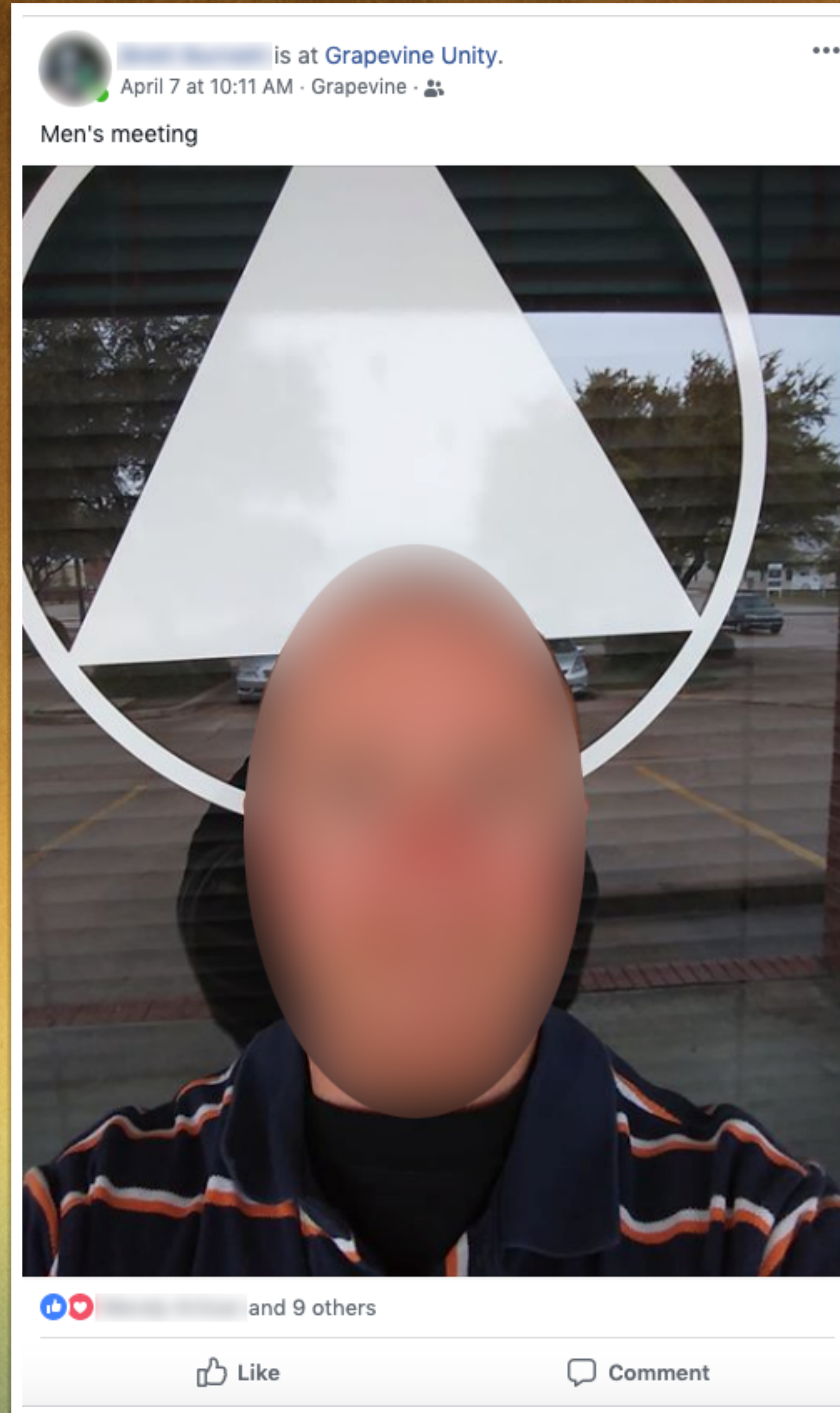
If only meetings in other cities
got me points.... 😎☀️

😏 2

 Like  Comment


 Write a comment...    

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and shared a link.



BRENEBROWN.COM
What Being Sober Has Meant to Me | Brené Brown



Yesterday at 6:22 AM ·  and 42 others
2 Comments

Like Comment Share

May 31 at 5:02 PM ·  and 27 others
4 Comments


"When I got sober, I thought giving up [alcohol] was saying goodbye to all the fun and all the sparkle, and it turned out to be just the opposite. That's when the sparkle started for me." -Brene Brown

Like Comment Share

 11m · 

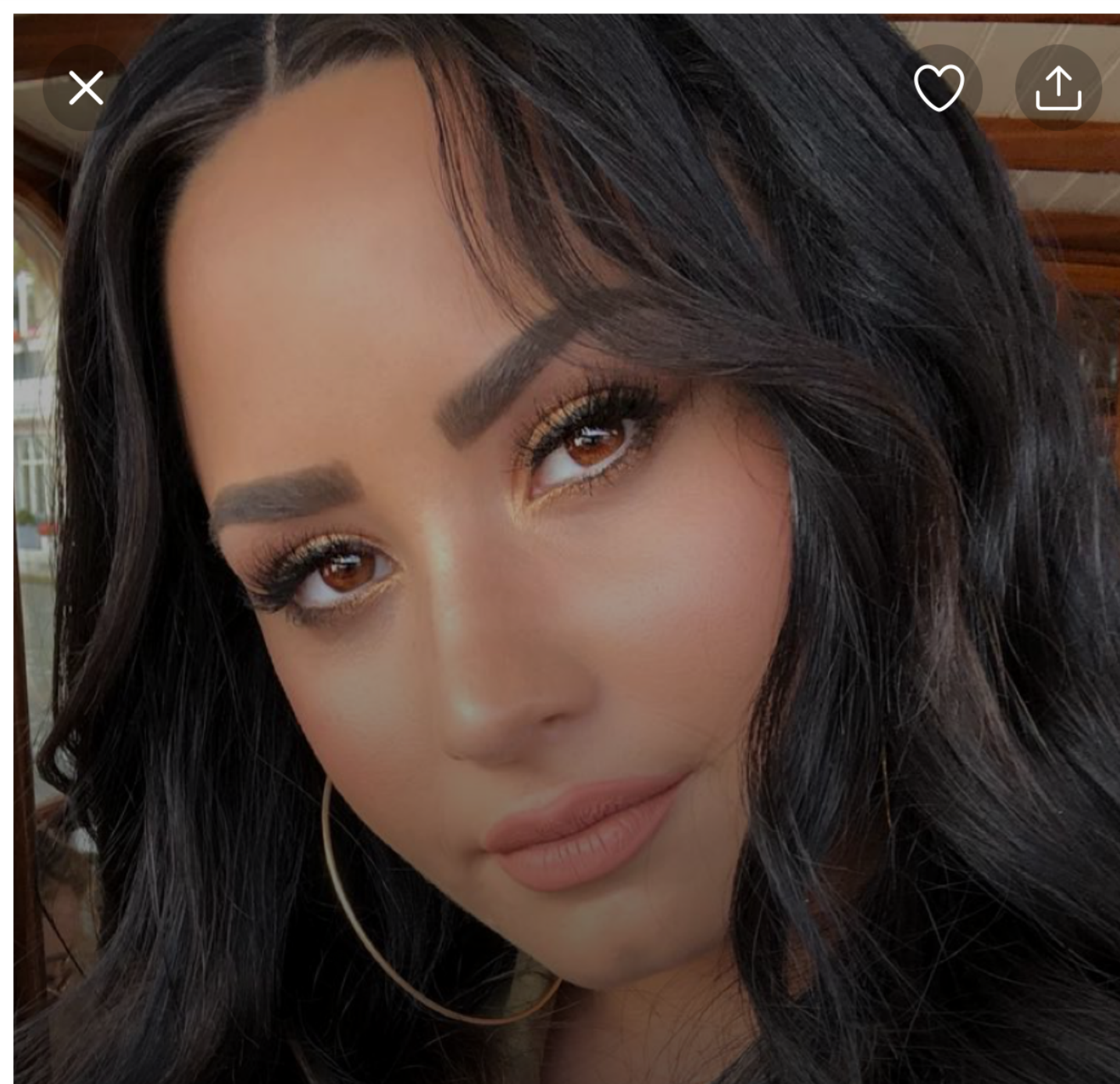
Yesterday I celebrated 29 years clean & sober! Thank you God & the 12 Steps!



 and 18 others
6 Comments

Like Comment Send

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4 hours ago · 863 Likes

Demi Lovato reveals she's relapsed after six years of sobriety

After celebrating six years of sobriety in March, the 25-year-old artist opens up about relapsing in her new song Sober. Lovato sings "I'm so sorry, I'm not sober anymore" during the song's chorus. Photo via @iHeartRadio

< Swipe to begin



8 hrs · 👥

Today is 18 years sober, Thank You AA



👍❤️😲 79

24 Comments

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A screenshot of a Facebook post. The post is from a user whose name is blurred, posted 2 hours ago. The text of the post reads: "Today is my 37th AA Birthday! July 17, 1983 was my last drink. Hallelujah! Feeling blessed!!". Below the text, there are 39 reactions (likes, loves, and emojis) and 22 comments. The post has three interaction buttons: "Like", "Comment", and "Share". Below the post, there are four visible comments, each with its own interaction buttons. The first comment says "Thanks. One day at a time, and not dying are the two requirements!" and has 2 reactions. The second comment says "Happy Re-Birth Day!!" and has 1 reaction. The third comment says "happy sober!" and has 1 reaction. The fourth comment is partially visible and has 1 reaction. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a link to "View 4 more comments".

2h · 🌐

Today is my 37th AA Birthday! July 17, 1983 was my last drink. Hallelujah! Feeling blessed!!

👍❤️🥳 39 22 Comments

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

View 4 more comments 4 of 17

👤 Thanks. One day at a time, and not dying are the two requirements! 👍❤️ 2
Like · Reply · 1h

👤 Happy Re-Birth Day!! 🥳❤️ 1
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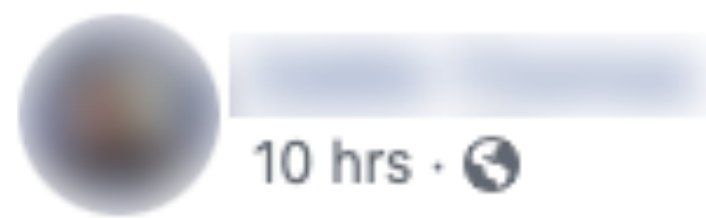
👤 replied · 1 Reply 1h

👤 happy sober! ❤️ 1
Like · Reply · 1h

👤 🙌❤️ 1
Like · Reply · 1h

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10 hrs · 



I know that all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our Alcoholics Anonymous's most valuable members, Someone Else.

Someone Else's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. They had been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else can work with that drunk. Whenever there was a job to do, service work, or someone needed a ride to a meeting, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in AA. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

~ Author Unknown



3 Comments 1 Share



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 24 mins ·  

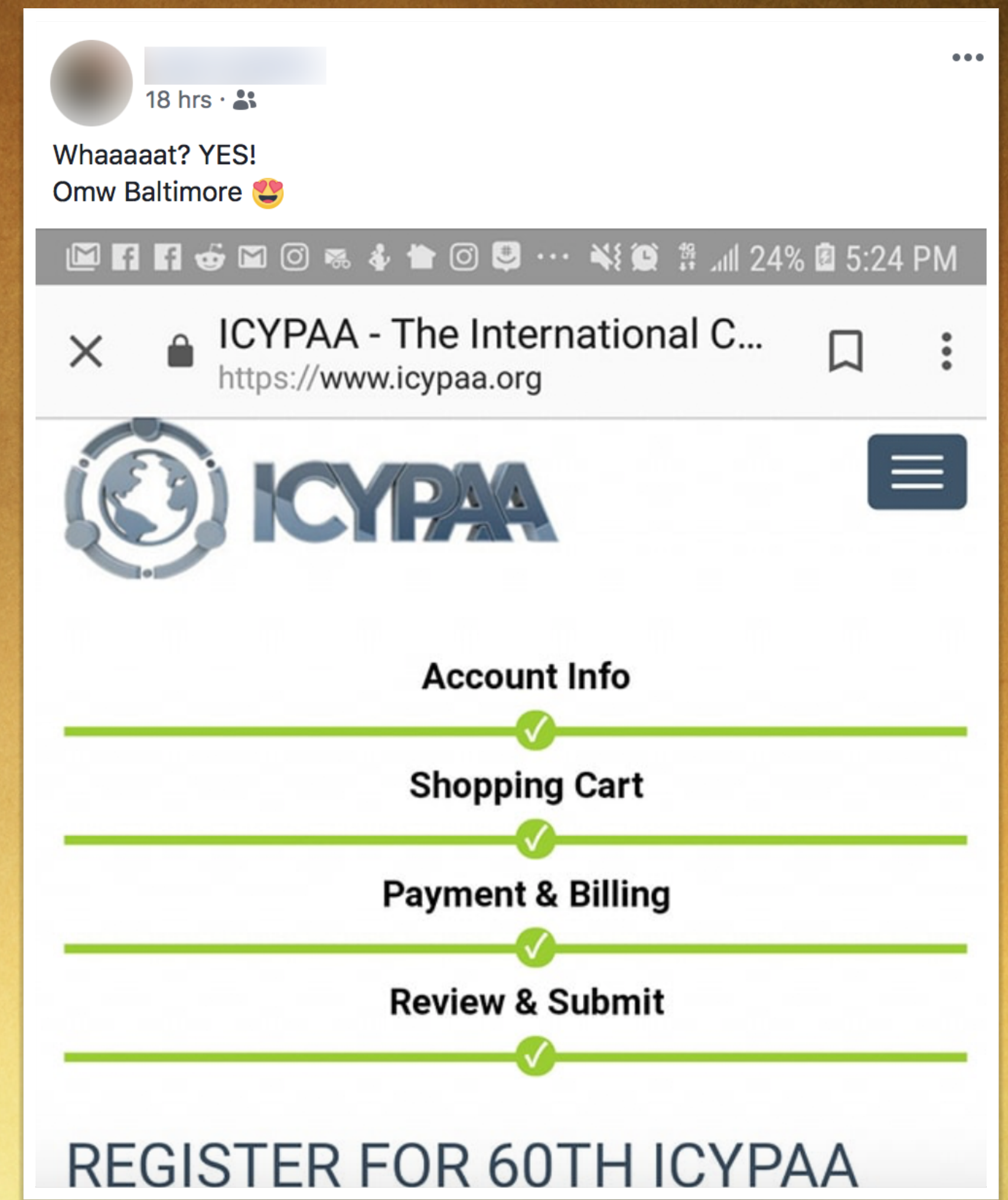
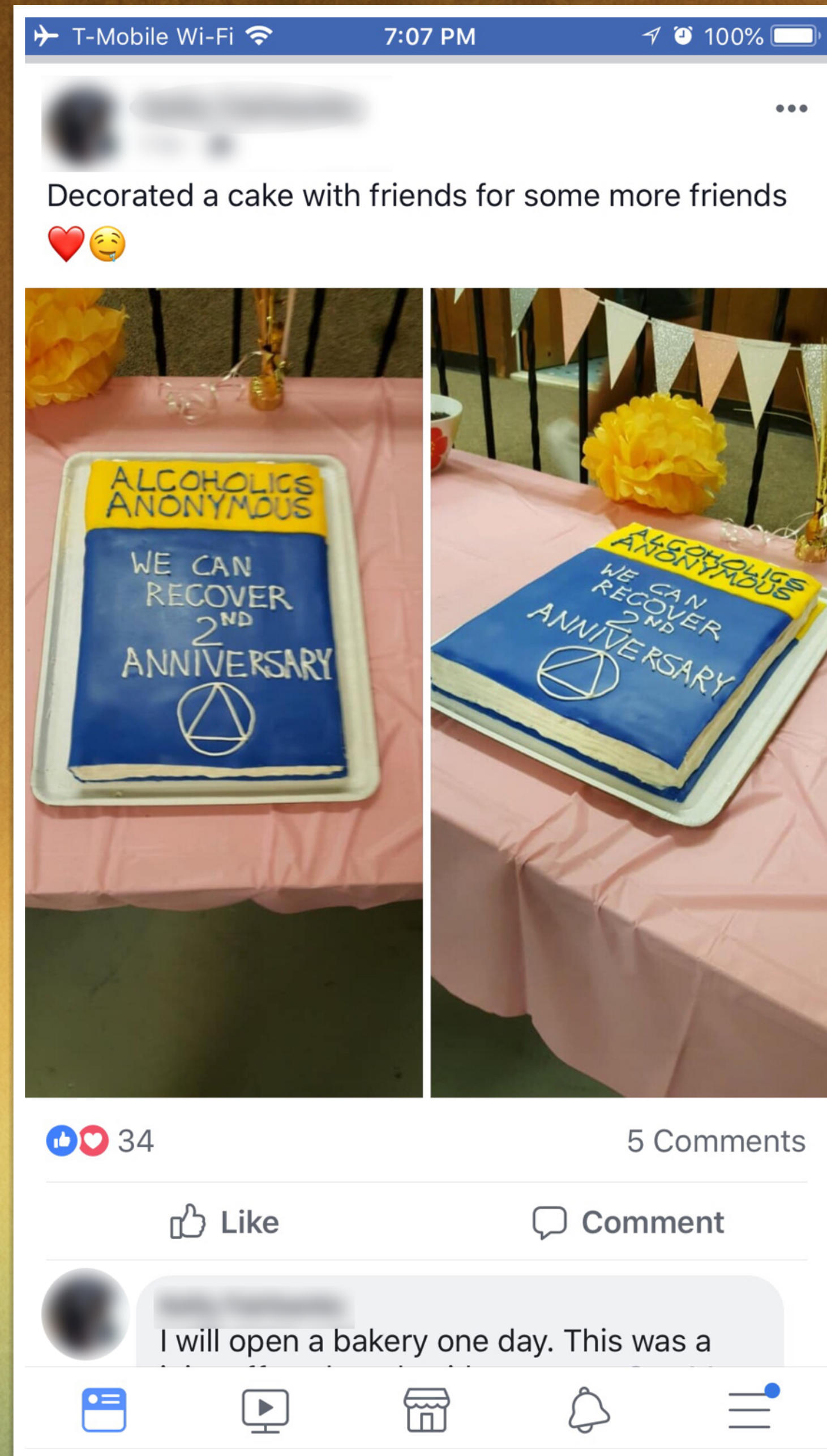
Getting ready to wrap up NDYPAA 💕🥰❤️



  15  1 Comment

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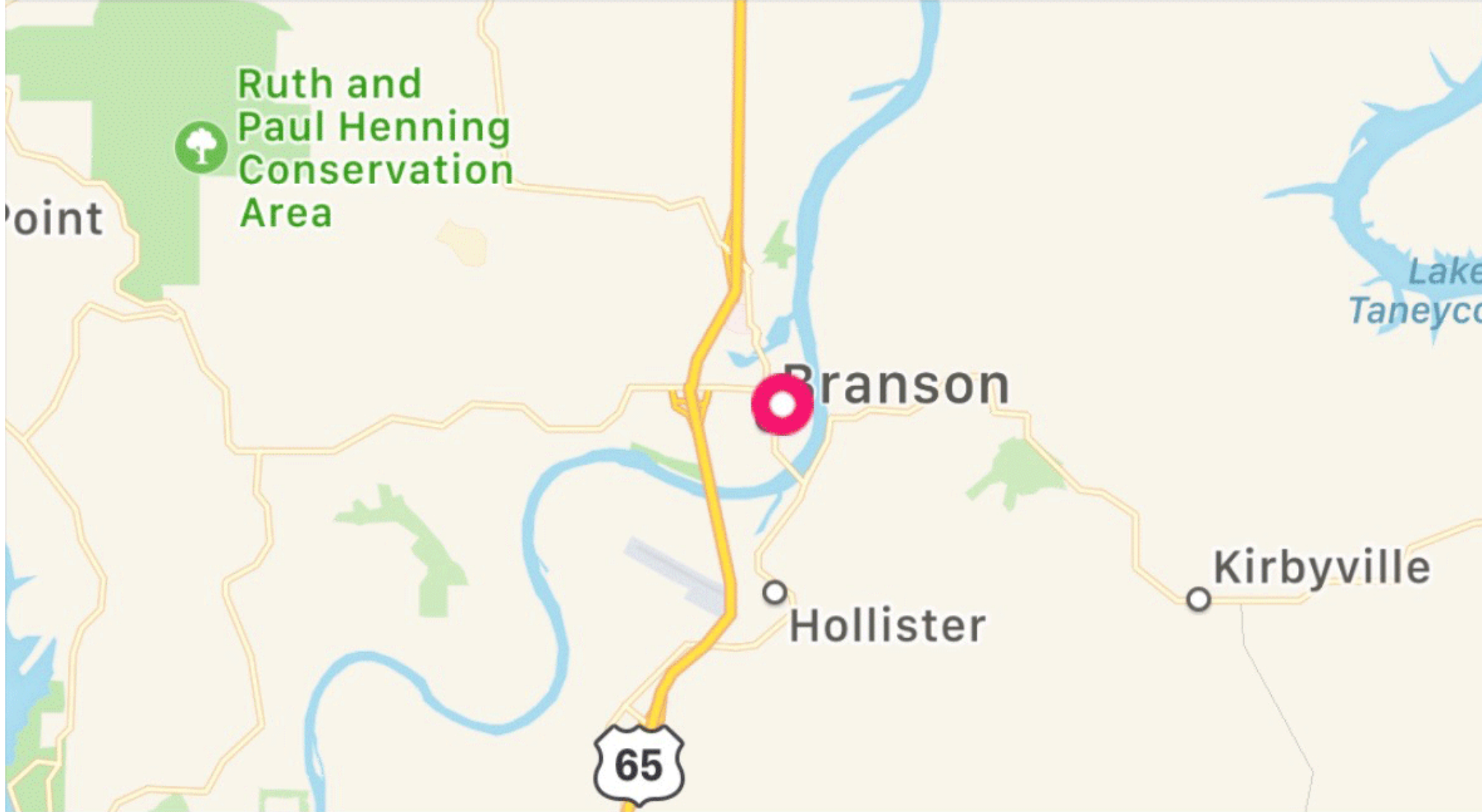



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 checked in to **Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel.** ••


Yesterday at 5:55 PM · Branson · 

Let's get this SWRAASA party started!



 **HOTEL RESORT**
Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel 🔖

   and 10 others

 Like 🗨 Comment

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< [Profile Picture] 4 hrs · [Group Icon] ...

I'm going back to AA tomorrow and nothing will stop me.

👍 Like 💬 Comment

👍❤️ [Profile Picture] and 9 others

[Profile Picture] Great news! 👍 1
3h Like Reply

[Profile Picture] Yay! Do it! 👍 1
3h Like Reply

[Profile Picture] I'll be there! 👍 1
3h Like Reply

[Profile Picture] woo hoo! miss you! <3
2h Like Reply 👍 1

[Profile Picture] He'll yea babby if that's what you

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Q & A

Questions: Please raise your ZOOM hand and we will call on you in the order of raised hands (or place your question in the chat).

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7th Tradition



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7th Tradition Digital Basket

Our 7th Tradition states that every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

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Our group supports the General Service structure of A.A. and contributes to our District, Area, Central Office and G.S.O.

Resources

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from G.S.O., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

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A.A. TRADITIONS AND THE INTERNET

We observe all A.A.'s principles and Traditions on A.A. public media such as the Internet.

Anonymity — As anonymity is the "spiritual foundation of all our Traditions," we observe anonymity on public websites at all times.

In 2013, the 63rd General Service Conference affirmed that "the Internet, social media, and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the short form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: '...at the level of press, radio, and films.'"

As Bill W. wrote: "At this altitude [public], anonymity — 100 percent anonymity — was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before personalities without exception."

In simplest form, this means that A.A.s do not publicly identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos. For more information on anonymity online, see the section of this Guideline, "Guarding Anonymity Online."

Attraction not promotion — As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote: "Public information takes many forms — the simple sign outside a meeting place that says 'A.A. meeting tonight'; listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to 'one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,' whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media."

Self-support — In keeping with our Seventh Tradition, A.A. pays its own expenses and this also applies in cyberspace. To avoid confusion and to guard against the perception of affiliation, endorsement or promotion, care should be taken in selection of the website host. Website committees have avoided any host site that requires the inclusion of mandatory advertising space or links to commercial sites.

Many "free" web hosting services require that the website include mandatory advertisements or links. Most A.A. website committees see this as actual or implied affiliation or endorsement of the products or services listed in those ads. They have found it prudent to create a website through a service that does not include mandatory advertisements or links.

Nonaffiliation, nonendorsement — Linking to other A.A. websites will often have the positive effect of significantly broadening the scope of a site. However, even when linking to another A.A. site, care must be exercised since each A.A. entity is autonomous, has its own group conscience, and may display information that another A.A. group con-

science might find objectionable. There is no way to know when this might occur.

Experience indicates that linking to non-A.A. sites is even more problematic. Not only are they much more likely to display non-A.A. and/or controversial material, but linking might imply endorsement, if not affiliation. In the final analysis, experience strongly suggests that, when considering linking to another site, proceed with caution.

G.S.O. has attempted to avoid some of these pitfalls on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, aa.org, by confining its links to known A.A. service entities and by incorporating a mandatory exit statement when someone wishes to activate the outside links on the site. (This statement also covers access to application software such as Adobe Reader, which is provided to assist visitors in reading Portable Document Format (PDF) files.)

GUARDING ANONYMITY ONLINE

Modern communication in A.A. is flowing from one alcoholic to another in ways that are high-tech, relatively open-ended and evolving quickly. Protecting anonymity is a major concern for members, who are accessing the Internet in ever-growing numbers.

As Bill W. noted, "Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes."

When we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and for protecting that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should consider whether we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

For more information on anonymity online, see the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity," the service piece "Anonymity Online and Digital Media" and the October 2010 issue of AA Grapevine on Anonymity on the Internet.

GENERAL SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

Facebook and other social networking websites are public in nature. Though users create accounts and utilize usernames and passwords, once on the site, it is a public medium where A.A. members and non-A.A.s mingle.

The platforms in and of themselves do not infringe on our principles

Service Material from the General Service Office

ANONYMITY ONLINE AND DIGITAL MEDIA

(*The references included and other helpful resources can be accessed through www.aa.org)

In all A.A.'s public relations, A.A.'s sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic; always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity at the public level.

Public information takes many forms, from the simple sign outside a meeting place, to distribution of A.A. literature, A.A. websites, anonymity protected PSAs, informational videos, radio, television and digital media. A thoughtful and informed group conscience is encouraged to be responsible for deciding how best to inform members and the public about A.A. and how as members we can use digital media, practice anonymity and avoid anonymity breaks.

Below is sharing from A.A. resources as a reminder of the importance of A.A.'s anonymity Traditions in our digital lives.

In 2013 the General Service Conference affirmed " . . . that the Internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: ' . . . at the level of press, radio and films.' "

General Principles

"When appearing on radio, television, film or on the Internet as A.A. members, we refrain from showing our faces or revealing our last names. In printed articles, on websites or email, we are identified by our first names and last initials only."

**The A.A. Group – Where it All Begins, p. 8*

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**Understanding Anonymity, p. 5*

A.A. Websites

"We observe all of A.A.'s principles and Traditions on our websites. As anonymity is the "spiritual foundation of all our Traditions," we practice anonymity on A.A. websites. Some A.A. websites contain password-protected sections for members only, but publicly accessible pages of an A.A. website have the potential for reaching the broadest possible audience and, therefore, require the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio and film. For more sharing on this topic, see the resource page **Anonymity — A Vital Spiritual Principle** on G.S.O.'s website."

**Frequently Asked Questions about A.A. Websites, p.2*

Understanding Anonymity



"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

A.A.® Guidelines - Internet (mg-18)
aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-18_internet.pdf

Anonymity Online and Digital Media (smf-197)
aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-197_en.pdf

Understanding Anonymity
aa.org/assets/en_US/p-47_understandinganonymity.pdf

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Thank You

Tom, Cathy & Wayne

After we close, please unmute yourself and thank our panel.

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A.A. Worldwide's Making Decisions On Your Behalf and Needs Your Voice!

All A.A. members in North Texas are invited to sit in on these virtual committee meetings so your voice can be heard. We want to hear from YOU!

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This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our fellowship united;

For on A.A. unity depend our lives;

And the lives of those to come.

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