

Trivia: Why were some sponsees called pigeons in early AA(because pigeons carry messages).

What did they call it in early AA when a person got their first Sponsee (they called it “getting your feather”) You were not considered fully in AA until you had gotten your feather.

The feather symbolizes trust, honor, strength, wisdom, power, freedom and many more things. To be given one of these is to be hand picked out of the rest of the men in the tribe - it’s like getting a gift from a high official.

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. BB Page 89

Sponsorship is not about how smart you are, it is about heart! Do you care about the alcoholic!

How to get a sponsee:

- 1) Go to the same meetings each week! If people do not see you regularly they will not ask you to sponsor them
- 2) Give the prospect your phone number! Get their number and call them! Ask them to go to a meeting with you, tell them you will be their temporary sponsor
- 3) Tell people in meetings that you are available to sponsor
- 4) Go to the Detox meetings and the treatment center meetings. Ask anyone if they need a temporary sponsor. Listen, often people will say they are looking for a sponsor. Hint Hint....We lose so many people from the treatment center before they get a sponsor because they are scared
- 5) Volunteer for the 12 step phone list
- 6) Go to Back to Basics and get paired up with someone. We are often scared to ask for a sponsor. When someone shows the initiative to give us their number, or we are paired up with someone, these situations often end up as wonderful sponsorship relationships

Remember

Sponsorship is rarely forever....as people grow in recovery they often change sponsors, this is common. Basically we all have temporary sponsors.