

AA CHEERLEADERS

Cast: BEN
JERRY
STAN
A "NEWCOMMER"

Two guys (Ben and Jerry) in cheerleader outfits and pom poms enter and pose "at attention" facing the audience.

Ben: Ready? OK! (they "cheer" complete with appropriate gestures and jumps)

Both: Ho Ho! Hey Hey! Put the Plug in the Jug, and Join AA!
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(they repeat the cheer several times, eventually getting some of the audience to join in or clap in rhythm. Finally, things quiet down, and they prepare for "solo" cheers)

Ben: Share your Experience! --- Strength! and Hope!

Come to AA,--- and don't be a Dope!

Jerry: Come to AA,--- and Don't be a JERK,

Come and do ----some SERVICE WORK!

Ben: Join AA,----and Look Alive,

Get a sponsor ---- and do STEP FIVE!

Jerry: AA's here ---for you and me,

Come and get --- SERENITY!

Ben: AA's here ----for you and me,
come and get -----SPIRITUALITY!!!

(They prepare for the "Big Finish":)

Ben: We're not allied..... with INSTITUTIONS !! (poses)

Jerry: We're self-supporting..... thru our own CONTRIBUTIONS !! (same pose)

Both: Yea! Yea! WOO! WOO! (Both Jump around and shake pom-poms)

(Stan enters, looks suspiciously at the two cheerleaders, looks at audience in disbelief, waits for the "cheering" to fade a bit, and finally:)

Stan: Excuse me,, hey guys...

Ben and Jerry: (running out of steam) Ho, Ho, Hey, Hey! Put the Plug in the Jug and Join AA!

Stan: (yells) HEY GUYS!! (they finally notice Stan and stop cheering)

Jerry: Oh, we didn't see you there! Hello there, Welcome to the Highland Club!!

Stan: What the heck are you guys doing dressed like that? And what are you YELLING about?

Ben: We're not Yelling,, We're CHEERING!! WOO HOO!! (shakes pom poms)

Jerry: Yeah! We're so happy to be sober, we want the whole WORLD to know about AA.

Stan: Well, guys, (refers to their outfits) I can SEE that you've gone to a lot of trouble, and I can also tell that you're REALLY glad to be sober....
But AA works by ATTRACTIONnot Promotion.

Ben: That's right! (turns to audience, big smile) And I'm VERY ATTRACTIVE!!

Stan: No, no... That's not what I mean.... AA tends to attract newcomers not by the way we LOOK, but by the way we ACT!

Jerry: That's Great! 'Cause I'm a good ACTOR, too!! Watch: (strikes dramatic pose, clears throat)(this bit works great if one of the previous skits performed is "FINE") --- "I'm FINE... REALLY....FINE!" (to Stan) See?

Stan: Oh, Brother.. you guys just don't get it, do you? Listen, guys, this type of "PROMOTION" never really helps to bring people to AA .

Ben: Sure it does! We were doing our cheers outside of the Horseshoe Casino just this afternoon, weren't we, Jerry?

Jerry: That's right! We did some cheers about AA, then passed out some free Lotto tickets, and we got about SIX GUYS into the VAN!

Ben: We gave them a ride over here (Looks to the back of the hall) I saw them eating cake there in the back, somewhere... lemme see... hmmm, (shrugs) It looks like they left.

Stan: Maybe they just weren't ready to hear the message.

Jerry: Maybe we need better CAKE!

Ben: Yeah! (raises pompoms) More strawberry cheesecake!!

Ben and Jerry: (cheering again) Cheesecake! Cheesecake! Bring us more!

That's what fellowship is FOR!

Stan: Guys, guys... Let me try to explain this ANOTHER way: When did you FIRST Think that you wanted to be cheerleaders?

Ben: Wow. I think it was... Paula Abdul. She was a SMOKIN' cheerleader.

Jerry: Yeah? For me, it was those Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders! I had their poster in my room for YEARS!

Ben: I still do! (they high five) Woo hoo!

Stan: So... you wanted to be LIKE them?

Ben: Oh yeah.

Jerry: Absolutely.

Stan: Well, don't you see? That's ATTRACTION, right? (they nod).

They had something you wanted, right? (they nod A LOT)

Wait, WAIT !. Never mind that. The point is, YOU wanted to be like THEM.

And that's how AA works. If you want OTHER people to be sober....

Then... JUST...BE... SOBER !! Do you understand what I'm saying?

Ben: Yeah, I think so. So, by being cheerleaders, the best we can do
is ATTRACT other people who WANT to be cheerleaders too?

Stan: That's right!

Jerry: That's not so bad. Let's try that !

Ben and Jerry: (cheering) Cheering! Cheering! Is what we do!

Who would like to do it too?

Man in audience: (yells) ME ! ME! I WANT TO BE A CHEERLEADER! I WANT TO

BE A CHEERLEADER! (He runs up on stage, catches his breath,)

I thought you'd never ask! (assumes "cheerleader" pose)

Ready? OK! (cheers loudly):

Cheering! Cheering! I know I'm NEW,

But I would like to cheer with YOU!!

(Ben and Jerry clap with excitement, then each gives the man a pom-pom)

All three of them: Woo hoo! (They shake their pom-poms)

Ben: Let's go PRACTICE THE PRINCIPLES OF CHEERLEADING !!!

Jerry: TOGETHER !!

(The three Cheerleaders exit together, noisily "WOO WOO"ing)

Stan: And THAT, ladies and gentlemen, is how a newcomer is born. (the end)