



Coffee Pot Talk



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Fourth Step Perspectives...

My 4th step was transforming, inspiring & A real game changer. It put life inside of my gas tank and made me think like I've never thought before. My life was miserable, isolated, meaningless, fatal and heartbreaking. However, After I did a 4th step something significant began to happen to me. My broken heart started to heal and my meaningless life slowly turned into Me being useful. Today, I am useful to God and to my fellows, right now is the best time of my life.
~Hayden S.

Step Four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, when, and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By

discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a will and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach. – page 82 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions



The Preamble Poem
By: Greg Wright



The Preamble starts our meetings,
Every sentence contains our intent
From how we change by helping each other
To the means by which we pay rent.

Fellowship means interacting with friends,
Men and women of like-minded thinking,
Not on every subject but just when it comes
To the subject of confronting our drinking.

We don't demand perfection
But perhaps we hope you'll think
That alcohol- related problems
Mainly occur when you drink

Therapy rates are one dollar an hour,
We have no problems with less
But if you are in trouble of body or Mind
For a buck we'll help clean up your mess.

We don't condone conflict
But sometimes we fight
Over money or egos
Till The Steps make things right.

Our Primary Purpose
Has two part not one,
We stop drinking and then go out
To show others how it's done.



Our Principals

Step 4	Tradition 4	Concept 4
Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.	Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.	At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.



FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC

Sunday June 12, 2022

Bellevue State Park

12pm-5pm

Speaker at 1pm

More information to follow!





What is the Difference between Intergroup and Area Service?

At a recent North Delaware Intergroup of AA (NDIAA) meeting, a new representative asked, “What is the difference between Intergroup and Area service?” These two equally important service structures often get confused by members of our fellowship.

The most direct answer is that Intergroups are local, stand-alone organizations that perform the services that Home Groups can not perform easily on their own. The General Service Structure, which is broken into 93 Areas across the United States and Canada, was created by our founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, to carry on the work of AA as a whole.

“The Northern Delaware Intergroup organization exists to aid all AA groups in their primary purpose to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Intergroup shall also assist in the administration and coordination of AA activities common to the **various groups comprising its membership**, including the maintenance of an Intergroup Office. The purpose of this office is to function as a centralized resource for the AA community at large and to assist with the appropriate coordinating functions necessary for the effective implementation of the AA program in the area Intergroup serves which is defined as **New Castle County and surrounding areas.**” (NDIAA Bylaws)

Our state is Area 12 in the General Service structure. Each year, our elected Delegate is given an agenda of new business items, submitted by Home Group members from all of the 93 Areas. This new business is then discussed at an annual conference, known as the General Service Conference, held in April each year. From that GSC emerge recommendations, or Advisory Actions, for ‘next steps’ to the General Service Board.

To summarize, NDIAA is performing duties for home groups within New Castle County, DE. Area 12 General Service Assembly is our link to AA as a whole, and communicates between home groups and the General Service Conference. Why do we need this connection? Why is the General Service Conference necessary to us, drunks in DE?

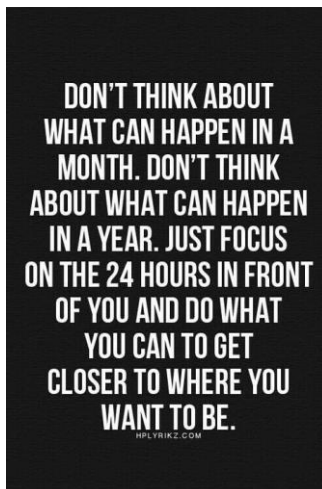
The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

“We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this

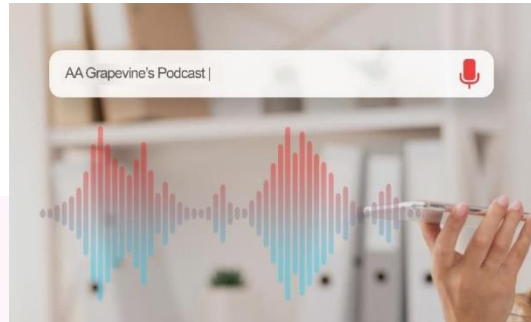
room. We need it to ensure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over-integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”
(The AA Service Manual – BM-31)



Technically Speaking...



Our new podcast, the **AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour** can be heard anywhere you listen to podcasts. We release a new episode every Monday. Tune in to hear funny, poignant, and always inspiring **“meeting after the meeting”** conversation about getting sober and staying sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Available for free wherever you listen to podcast or you can also find it on our website, at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast.

Anniversary Club

Bill C 5/2/78

Bob A 7/9/90

Bob M 1/17/83

Brendan D 5/3/09

Brenda A 2/23/85

Carel B 4/26/04

Carolyn W 7/15/82

Christopher K 1/03

David C 2/1/94

David G 7/6/99

David F 11/23/07

David K 12/3/72

Ken P 9/20/83

Kerry O 4/20/08

Laura R 6/21/95

Leslie D 2/20/90

Liza F 1/20/05

Marilyn M 6/26/99

Marie R 9/6/83

Mary Ellen S 1/24/10

Melissa S 6/23/08

Mike M 4/20/91

Nancy V 2/21/05 (deceased)

Patricia K 12/17/87

Debbie H 3/16/91

Doris S 4/80

Doug W 2/28/91

Ed H 1/28/96

Franny C 5/7/96

Fred M 5/5/90

Gail R 6/4/92

Jaime B 8/8/04

Jaffrey H 11/24/96

Janice S 12/25/10

Jason B 4/20/09

Jim S 4/10/88

Kara G 11/8/12

Kathy O 6/11/97

Ken H 11/4/97

Patsy M 1/6/88

Phyllis M 3/9/88

Sally C 10/15/95

Shirley U 3/19/76

Stanley B 3/5/79

Suzanne M 4/4

Tenney W 5/15/82

Tom H 7/2/04

Tom McD 1/16/96

Tracy D 2/28/13

Valerie S 2/3/89

Walt A 1/94

Wes J 4/21/75

Wes M 2/1/94

*** Would you like to celebrate your anniversary, show your fellows how the program works and contribute to your Northern Delaware Intergroup at the same time? The anniversary club is easy to join, Here's how it works... you can email the information below to intergroup at mainoffice@ndiaa.org. A small donation of \$1 per year sober is all it costs to have your name and anniversary date printed in the newsletter every month for a whole year. ***

If you ever want to contribute to the newsletter please email Monica at mon92890@gmail.com