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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20 1:00 PM
ECR/State Planning Meeting
Area Assembly 2:00 PM

Westlake Holiday Inn
1100 Crocker, Westlake, Ohio

July 25-27
28th East Central Region and
52nd Ohio State Convention
Westlake Holiday Inn
1100 Crocker, Westlake, Ohio

August 17 2:00 PM
Awareness of AA Grapevine
Workshop

September 21 2:00 PM
Area Committee Meeting

October 19 2:00 PM
Area Assembly—Panel 59 Election

November 16 2:00 PM
Gratitude Sunday Dinner
Beaumont Scout Reservation
2429 St. Rt. 45, Rock Creek, OH

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Workshops are held at
The 12 Step Recovery Club
1480 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH (on
US Route 42 about 1/4 mile south of
State Route 303) (330) 273-7216



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From the Delegate . . .

On June 18th, I paused to reflect on the past two years serving as delegate. In the past four years, we have had more than our share of lost servants. In 2005, we lost our treasurer Bill J. In 2006, we lost Alice H. In 2007, we got off to a rocky start when our treasurer stepped down. In April 2008, on the Friday evening that our Mini-Conference started I found myself at Russ W's funeral service. What have I learned from all these tragic losses?

On the surface, one might conclude that service in Area 54 is dangerous to one's health. Deep down, I realize we don't know God's plan for us. I am also reminded that no one is indispensable, we somehow soldier on. What share of loss and grief is fair anyway? Who am I to say? The resiliency built into our service structure ensures that the area will survive and continue after I rotate. That is an ego-deflating concept.

It also reminds us that we are all delegates-in-training. In times of need, the training may be sped up a bit. What are we doing to cultivate future leaders? When the time comes, will we have trained and willing servants to be able to choose our leaders from? Am I sponsoring anyone into service now?

This is no wide gulf to leap from those simple services when we were new. We started with ashtrays, sweeping floors, making coffee and greeting at the door. Eventually, we began to chair meetings and *GASP* sponsoring people! Those trusted servant positions in my home group directed me to the Intergroup meetings and the General Service assembly. This is a progression for anyone willing. As illustrated in the inverted triangle of service, my group prepared me to serve as a GSR. My district prepared me to serve as their DCM. When the Area needed, I responded with some prodding from my service sponsor! My journey has been meteoric in some ways. All those years of sponsoring and listening, learning our history and staying informed prepared me for much of this. Now, as I begin my

transition to elder statesman past delegate, my biggest challenge will probably be 'restraint of tongue and pen'. I will assist the next Panel in an assigned capacity and will co-chair the Mini-Conference in 2009.

What will the future hold? I don't know. In God's infinite wisdom, it is sometimes good that we don't know. I hope to remain teachable, willing and able. Lord knows we have our fair share of 'bleeding deacons' who view changes in AA with alarm. They have served a good example of what I don't want to be.

As we approach the elections this fall for Panel 59, ask yourself a few questions. Do I know what a true leader in AA is? Let's examine the AA Service Manual. "All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."

What makes a good committee or area chairperson? For the answer, we refer to the AA Service Manual. "[Area] chairpersons need a sound understanding and appreciation of the Steps, the Traditions, and the Concepts, along with a good fund of experience gained through applying these guiding principles successfully to local problems.

Communication skills, leadership qualities, and sensitivity to the wishes of the local area are also important."

How about delegate - what should we look for? Referring back, "Several years of active participation ... time available to do the job ... The ability to make and take suggestions - and criticisms, too ... informed about AA affairs and where to find answers ... open-mindedness."

These are but a few qualities of a good delegate suggested in the service manual. With much prayer and a measure of willingness, we can all prepare for that call to service from other members in Area 54 in October. Will you be ready when your name is called?

In grateful service,
Jeff Y., Panel 57 Delegate

District Committee Member Reports

Cleveland

North Coast Multi District

The multi district has a new secretary, Sharon W and alternate Lutheran C. The new archivist is James T and the alternate is Robert A. James will be presenting a display at the East Central Region / Ohio State Convention depicting the history of AA in Cleveland.

The multi district held a traditions panel for the "Let Go, Let God" group in April. A presentation on "Self Support – what does it really mean?" was held in May. The multi district picnic will be held August 23 at Forest Hills Park.

Three districts in the multi district, including 21, 22 and 34, have become inactive. We are actively working to improve attendance at the district meeting.

In love & service,
Calvin L., Multi District Chair

District 13

District 13 has a new DCM. Thus far, in 2008 there have been three district meetings. At the last meeting, Jeff's 58th General Service Conference report was made available to everyone discussed. Most efforts have involved updating group information sheets and getting new GSRs. We have over eight groups to visit, so this will take time. We now have more than a dozen new GSRs.

The size of the district is a concern and has sparked redistricting discussion. For now, we are reorganizing and making contact with groups.

In love & service,
Eric B. DCM

District 20A

The district has been actively involved in the planning of the Area 54 Open House picnic. The Lorain County picnic will take place July 13, 2008. Much time has been spent reorganizing after the loss of Russ W. Attendance at the district meetings has improved recently.

A newly formed special needs committee has been contacting nursing homes in Lorain County. We hope to set up some meetings for members that live in nursing homes and cannot travel to regular meetings.

In love & service,
Judy S., DCM 20A

District 23

The district meeting has no regular meeting location, which has forced us to move the monthly meeting around the district. We now have an alternate DCM. We are also financially supporting the Ashtabula Area Intergroup, Area 54 and the General Service Office.

We will hold a traditions panel in September. There will be a history and ask-it-basket session at the workshop. District 23 and 39 are co-hosting Gratitude Sunday. It will take place November 16 at the Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek, Ohio. The speaker is Bob McK., panel 47 past Delegate. Flyers are on the Web site and will be in the mail soon.

In love & service,
Christine McG., DCM

District 29

We recently completed an update of group information sheets. We will be hosting the hospitality room at the East

Central Region / Ohio State Convention and are actively seeking volunteers from local groups. We look forwards to seeing everyone at the multi district picnic in July.

In love & service,
Calvin L., DCM

District 30

The district has been meeting monthly. Participation has varied, so we continue to visit groups to encourage attendance and answer questions. To remain visible, we attend local group activities, anniversaries and picnics.

We have decided that the DCM should rotate when the Area rotates in odd Panel years. At our district meeting, we study traditions and concepts. Recently, we reviewed and discussed the General Service Conference report of our delegate.

In love & service,
Carrie R., DCM

District 36

I am distressed at the lack of information about General Service in many groups. I have learned the best action is to share my experience, strength and hope as a trusted servant. I get the best results with one-on-one interaction.

In love & service,
James T., DCM

District 48

We completed updates of group information sheets, giving us the opportunity to visit all the groups. We will repeat this effort in District 8. The Delegate, treasurer and mailing secretary attended our multi district picnic in June. We hope the future officers will follow this lead.

In love & Service,
Bob D., DCM

Area Officer and Committee Reports

Area Registrar Report

We received many group update forms at the Mini-Conference and May assembly. These were added to the FNV database prior to AAWS's May 30th deadline for the next directory printing.

Please note we need the group information and the name, address, and phone number of a contact that is willing to be listed in these directories, for the group listing itself to appear. We suggest that group also furnish one alternate name, address, and phone number. Should the primary contact become unreachable due to a move, we can then send mail to this secondary contact.

In love & service, Bob McK., Area Registrar

Corrections

Many correctional institutes in Ohio are creating a database of visitors that will allow volunteers to be authorized to visit any Ohio Correctional Institute without having to register with each one individually. They hope to have the program instituted soon.

In love & service, Joel T., Chair

CPC

The committee has been in contact with District 9 in Area 15, Southern Florida. They are seeking assistance in establishing a CPC committee and are asking others to share their experience. We have been establishing a network of individuals scattered throughout Area 54 that are currently performing CPC activities. We need these contacts so that we can respond to many requests from professionals. While we can send literature, occasionally the request includes visits from individuals that are on CPC committees.

The CPC committee accompanied the Grapevine Committee at the Ohio Young People Conference. It was a learning experience for all of us.

In love & service, Chris McG., Chair

Treatment Facilities

The committee continues to arrange outside contacts for members in treatment facilities. Bridging the Gap efforts have reached out to facilities in Youngstown, Rock Creek and Akron. Currently we are establishing contact with Intergroup and Central Office treatment or bridging the gap chairs to share information and exchange ideas.

In love & service, Mike S

Special Needs

The committee has a new Chair who is eager to get started addressing the needs of those with special needs. The committee can use volunteers that are willing to help in the many aspects of service to those with special needs, such as the homebound and those with physical and mental disabilities.

In an attempt to arrange American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for the Ohio State Convention it as discovered there is a conflict with an ASL Convention

taking place in Columbus the same weekend. It has come to our attention the importance of using certified ASL professionals at our functions. This is important because using a person who is not qualified sends the wrong message to those in need. We have added a list of ASL meetings in Area 54 to the Web site page for Special Needs Committee.

In love & service, Quinsetta M.,

Alternate Delegate's Report

This years Founder's Day celebration in Akron was enjoyable. For the past four years I have assisted with the "walking AA history tour" at the Akron Intergroup office. It is a joy to see members from around the globe exploring the sites associated with AAs founding. At the "Big Meeting" on Saturday, I was able to catch up with many friends from Ohio and western Pennsylvania. God has put many special people in my life to help with recovery and teaching me about love. I was honored to be asked to serve as master of ceremonies for the 52nd Ohio State Convention. I hope to see you all there. You will have an opportunity to meet my new found friends from the other Areas scattered throughout the East Central Region, all of whom adhere to our co-founder Bill W.'s three magic words, "PASS IT ON"!

In love and Service, Danny F.

The Cleveland North Coast
Multi-Districts 29, 31, 33, 34,
35, 36 and 45 of
Alcoholics Anonymous
Cordially Invites You and Your Family to YOUR

Annual Picnic

August 23, 2008
10:00 a.m. Until

SPEAKER (at 3:00 P.M.)
Clarence G. – Area 54 Chairperson
Forest Hills Park
Cleveland Heights Side

Covered Dishes Appreciated
Come Out and Fellowship
Group Participation Encouraged

The poster features a large sun in the background, a blue pitcher with a lemon slice, and a glass of yellow liquid. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a red banner at the bottom.

58th General Service Conference Report

COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION

Our theme this year “Communication and Participation – the Key to Unity and Self-Support” was not only discussed and explored during the weeklong conference, it was lived out by all Conference members in attendance.

I gave a presentation on Giving a Conference Report at the Delegates Only meeting as the Conference kicked off on Saturday evening, April 26th, 2008. Sunday the Remote Communities annual seminar about reaching out to communities separated by language, culture, and geographic distance. The official start of the 58th General Service Conference began with a roll call of all Conference Members – delegates, directors, trustees and voting staff. Business wrapped Saturday morning at 12:16 am with the ‘Serenity Prayer’ in English, French and Spanish.

Over these eight days, meetings by region and by committee assignment, workshops and presentations as well as general sharing and voting sessions kept me busy from 9 am until 10 pm or later most days. I assisted with the elections of two regional trustees and our committee approved the slate of officers, directors and trustees of the General Service Board (GSB) and its two subsidiary boards, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and The AA Grapevine, Inc. for 2008-09.

In his opening comments, Leonard Blumenthal, GSB Chairman, reminded us, “None of us is as smart as all of us.” In his closing comments, Leonard stated that “Now each of us is smarter because of all of us.”

PROCESS vs. PRODUCT

It was the longest General Service Conference on record since 1951 going past midnight on Friday. We kept one committee chair on the dais for 7.5 hours over two days answering questions, which may be a record.

We had 15 floor actions and, consequently, did not have the usual farewells from Panel 57 before closing. We delegates were content to continue debate well into the evening and then into the wee hours of the morning, because we felt it important to finish this work.

Most delegates left with a feeling of being part of a bigger whole. I was made more aware that our communications to/from the boards and committees need to be more timely and substantive. We all heard a message loud and clear throughout the conference structure that we must consider new and more effective ways to communicate with each other. One of the things I noticed this year over last was the conference members' absolute willingness to speak in French, Spanish or English as needed.

What I have come to appreciate was that this year was all about process over product. The advisory actions passed by the Conference and approved by the Board are

not ground-breaking or particularly glamorous. Last year, I was able to point to some very tangible items and changes; the Spanish language Big Book third edition came out and Class B trustees were recognized as eligible to serve as chair of the General Service Board. This year, we kept circling back to the theme of Communication and Participation. The relatively small number of agenda items forwarded by the trustees to the conference was discussed. And, not for lack of items from the fellowship. Overall, the Conference this year was a successful and necessary exercise in communication and participation. The General Service Conference structure is still serving our Fellowship well, 58 years later.

On my visit to the General Service Office, I asked Doug R. to show me the local sharing files. Doug took me back to the far reaches of the 11th floor and showed me a set of sliding bookcases – 1,500 cubic feet of shelving – which contain files of thousands of letters on every subject the Fellowship has ever asked the office. There are even letters from Bill W. still in those files. A staffer can pull a folder from the shelf and find out how a question was answered before. When new problems arise, a new folder is begun.

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD ACTIVITY

A.A. AROUND THE WORLD

Dorothy W., Trustee-at-Large for the US and Joanne L., Trustee-at-Large, Canada reported that,

Mongolia struggles to understand the full meaning and spiritual significance of our principle of self-support.

Poland is working on a translation of the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Some words just don't have an equivalent meaning.

Julio E., international desk, reports that there are now 59 GSO's worldwide in 180 countries. He attended the first meeting of the French-speaking African countries. Cameroon has eleven intergroups since AA was first established there in 1996. A sober community in Mali began meeting in 2006.

CLOSER TO HOME

The search has begun for the next General Manager of your GSO. Greg M., who began his employment as the President of AAWS and General Manager on January 1, 1999 will be retiring on December 31, 2008.

This time next year, the Board will also be selecting its next Chairperson. Leonard Blumenthal, Class A non-alcoholic trustee, will rotate off the Board in April 2009.

Many of the preparations for our 2010 International Convention celebrating AA's 75th birthday have begun in San Antonio, Texas. Tens of thousands of AAs, Al-Anons, and Double-winners will be streaming south to the border from all over the world for our 'diamond jubilee'. More information on “A Vision for You” will be appearing on the aa.org website next year.

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Speaking of websites, a new yellow Guideline on the Internet has been published by the Office and will be available in mid-June. The guideline addresses concerns of local committees who want to set up an AA web site for Intergroups, districts, etc.

FINANCES

Functional expenses of running GSO cost \$8.5M in 2007, or \$6.50 per member. Contributions from the fellowship totaled \$6.5M or \$4.09 per member across US/Canada. Meanwhile, per capita contributions from northeast Ohio lagged behind at only \$2.07. The \$2M shortfall was met by literature proceeds. Contributions to the GSB were up 7.8% over last year. Please accept my thanks for all the hard work you've done to bring this about. We could do better, though. While contributions continue to grow slowly from the fellowship in total, the number of groups participating in the Seventh Tradition has fallen steadily since 1987 from about 58% down to 45% now. Our underfunded pension liabilities to retired members of the GSO and GV staff remains about \$4.5M.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

This question came up at the Conference briefly. The chair of the trustees Committee on Compensation, Class A trustee Herb Goodman, responded. We subscribe to a yearly study conducted of 125 organizations in the NYC area about levels of compensation of comparable non-profit organizations. Our compensation policy is set by the boards of our two service corporations (AAWS and AAGV) informed by this yearly study.

AAWS ACTIVITY

During 2007, AAWS distributed 6.5M pieces of literature in English, almost ½ million pieces in Spanish and 140K pieces of French literature. 1,178,167 units were the Big Book in printed, audio or electronic format. In 2007, 16 translations were completed in Amharic (a Semitic language spoken in North Central Ethiopia), Indonesian, Mongolian, Polish and Tahitian. Currently, the Big Book is printed in 59 languages and 3 translation projects are in process. Translations vary in cost -- \$5,000 to \$10,000 to check a foreign translation done by members of that country; \$10-14K to do the translation for the country or language group. Overall, our literature has been translated into 84 languages worldwide.

AAGV ACTIVITY

AAGV distributed 135,828 books and other items in addition to 120,000 issues of the Grapevine and La Viña magazines monthly. La Viña is slowly moving toward self-sufficiency. The Grapevine continues to serve the fellowship well also. One GV director has been quoted to say, "If you don't subscribe, we don't survive."

ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Theme of the 2009 General Service Conference will be "Our Commitment to Carry AA's Message –

Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action."

Our Workshop topic for the 2009 General Service Conference will be "Language of the Heart - Keeping it Simple".

About \$10M in free air time was provided in the airing of AA's public service announcements nationwide this last year. This was determined via tracking chips embedded in our PSAs.

Approved a request that a draft wall poster with information about Alcoholics Anonymous be developed for placement in school guidance counselor offices.

Public Information Committee recommended and the GSC approved the final draft of the 2007 Membership Survey for publication. We surveyed about 750 groups in the US and Canada.

The management of the General Service Office was charged with finding a more cost-effective means of holding the General Service Conference in or near New York City.

During the Corrections Committee report, Class A trustee, Hon. Rogelio Flores reported that he has had good response with his probationers by giving them assignments to read articles in the AAGV and write a report back to him instead of requiring attendance papers to be signed at meetings.

The agenda item submitted from our area last fall was given a full hearing in the trustees' and the Conference Finance Committees. The self-support packet [FV-19] will be reformatted and enlarged to accommodate our requests and will become a regularly stocked item in the Literature Catalog from AAWS.

AAGV will start production on a portable GvR Handbook. They will also publish two CDs of stories from La Viña on Traditions One – Twelve.

Four cities will be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2020 – Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Vancouver BC were moved forward and approved for site visits. The trustees will make a final decision this November.

In conclusion, I cannot close this report without pausing to thank you all for the privilege and responsibility of serving our Fellowship as one of fewer than 2,500 delegates over the history of the Conference. I will never view service work the same way as a result of this experience. The Panel 57 and Panel 58 delegates and the rest of the Conference members have come together and worked as a team. I've learned that like-minded individuals do not have to agree all the time to be of one mind; we can disagree agreeably so long as you and I remember our primary purpose and the Three Legacies we uphold in common. Thank you for that lesson. God Bless You All.

Jeff Y., Panel 57 Delegate

In Memoriam

Area 54 lost one of its current officers and dedicated service workers on April 7, 2008. The following was contributed in his memory.

In Memory of Russ W – Our Friend, Our Brother

I didn't know Russ for long, but I share the same feelings as those who did. Hereafter, I use the term "we."

We knew we could trust him, that what he said was honest and to the point. No BS from Russ. This same rigorous honesty is the same foundation A.A. rests upon. Russ was always excited about the committee work that reached all forms of alcoholics – young, elderly, disabled, or incarcerated. Even carrying the message into schools was an effort to sow seeds for potential alcoholics. At the last Intergroup meeting he attended, Russ told us how

proud he was of our work. He was a wonderful example of how AA works. He did service work with a grateful heart, just desiring to help another alcoholic and seeking little for himself.

As we participated at the Mini Conference, Russ was missing. By the Grace of God, he leaves here sober. Russ touched many lives in Alcoholics Anonymous through his unselfish work and care. He touched me deeply. Russ gave unconditional love and mentoring to newly sober alcoholics. I am grateful to God for the time I shared with Russ. What a gift! What treasurer it is being sober reveals for us today, meeting people like Russ. People who care. People who share. People who love us. It doesn't get any better than this.

Maggie M.

Monday Night Oberlin Women's Group

Becoming and Staying Involved ...

I have often found myself pondering ways to keep GSRs interested in the service structure long enough to enjoy the fruits of what service has to offer. The first level of GSR activity begins with registering your group with General Service, allowing it to be listed in GSO directories. This is an important reference for out-of-town members or newcomers looking for meetings and a way to locate a meeting. Registering also affords the group an opportunity to receive Area and GSO correspondence. I would hope this correspondence finds its way to the group literature table providing access to AA members is informed or promote interest in AA as a whole. Keeping the fourth Tradition in mind, the GSR would share this AA correspondence with the secretary of the group to be decided how the group would use it through the AA group conscience as passed on through the years.

At the next level of GSR activity, making occasional announcements of Area, regional, or national AA activities and attending district meeting. District meetings are often located closer to the GSRs home, which makes them more convenient than traveling to the Area Assembly meeting. Participation in the district goes a long way towards promoting the involvement and continuance of an active vibrant district. At the district meeting a new person could begin to learn the about service work, such as the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, service structure and more.

The last level of involvement as General Service Representative is attendance at the Area Assemblies. Getting a service sponsor is highly recommended! Attending conferences, conventions or other AA events

add to our commitment and enjoyment of the AA way of life. Doing "The Most Important Job in AA" will firmly ground you as a member in AA as a whole - or "in the middle of the bed", as others might say. Join a committee and get active on it! When your two-year term is up, I hope your experience as a GSR will enable you to stand for election as a DCM or appointment as a Committee Chair.

Lastly, having witnessed this first hand, it is import to remember that the recovery found in our Twelve Steps is just the foundation of AAs triangle, for a reason. If anything in the writing strikes a nerve, or you have a desire to discuss in further detail, feel to call me (440) 356-9020.

In Love & Service,
Glenn D., District 52/ 53

*When anyone, anywhere reaches
out for help
I want the hand of AA
always to be there
And for that ...
I am Responsible*

The Lead by James T.

I used to pick up a young man for meetings during the first few months after he had been discharged from treatment. We used to have good talks during the long drive to and from the meetings and in the driveway at his home. Though we never used the magic word “sponsor”, I know what I was doing during our chat time. Then something happened; he started declining my invitations.



A year has passed, and I recently ran into the fellow in a social setting outside the rooms. We had a chance to sit off from the crowd and talk recovery. It was good to hear that during the past year he has maintained sobriety. He did it without the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. He told me that the meetings gave him too much of an urge to pick up a drink. He had a problem with many of the leads we had heard together – too much talk about drinking. So, I wonder how many new men and women are we chasing away with our humorous drunk-a-logs?

I remember the first time I came to A.A. I heard so many glorifications of the “good old’ days” that I wanted them back – more than anything else. Rarely did I pass a bar without getting thoroughly drunk after one of those leads that spoke a lot about drinking and very little about recovery. There must be countless others like me. Some may not make it back.

During a visit to Akron, I found a pamphlet published by the Akron Intergroup Office titled A.A. Speaker’s Manual (AK 34). It was first published back in the 1940’s and is purported to have gotten a personal okay from Dr. Bob. It instructs me – oops – it “suggests” to me that the subject of my talk ought to be how I stay sober. When the newcomer walks in our doors, he or she probably does not need to hear long draw-out glorified drinking stories. I know I didn’t. We do not need to prove that we are alcoholics by our words. Our presence at the podium of an A.A. meeting is probably sufficient.

A few “qualifying” remarks should be sufficient to let the newcomer know he or she is in the right place. However, the message is sobriety and steps to maintain it. Often during our leads, we are guided by what the psychologists call “euphoric recall.” We poke fun at the craziness of our actions and our drinking. After looking at the clock and seeing that we have rambled on for nearly an hour, we close with something like this, “If you are new, go to meetings, get a sponsor and pray.” What happened? What is it like today? Where was the message? This is my experience, and perhaps I have chased a few away.

So what is the solution? The pamphlet suggests that we should prepare. In fact, the pamphlet states, “to speak before a group with no preparation is an insult to their intelligence.” (AK34) Making a few notes of the points we wish to cover is okay. Nevertheless, let me be clear: A few notes are not a written speech. On some occasions, I have found myself making mental notes on my way to lead. Then, right after opening with the Serenity Prayer, the mental notes left. I remembered the points just as I got in the car on the way home, after having spoken for nearly an hour.

For me, the longer I have been sober the more I have to say about recovery, and the less I talk about drinking. Perhaps in sponsorship we should spend a little more effort showing the new guy how to carry the message of sobriety. I have learned that there is a difference between carrying the message in an open meeting of A.A. and telling our stories one-on-one to a prospective member.

Whenever I am asked to lead an A.A. meeting I must remember,

“Our stories tell in a general way what it was like, what happened, and what we are like today.”



RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE

These are the Three Legacies of our AA experience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. God, as He may speak in our group conscience, is our sole Authority. World Service is the heart of our Third Legacy. Our meetings are informative and educational. They are held so that the Committee Members, GSR's and all interested members may be better equipped to carry the message of World Service back to their home groups and individual members, thus giving a better understanding to our purpose, our hopes and our work.

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