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(The above is adapted and modified from "The AA Service Manual", and AA Co-Founder Bill W's. Twelve Concepts for World Service; Concept XII, as adopted by the General Service Conference on April 26, 1962. This adaptation of copyrighted AA material has been approved by the General Service Board)

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

Tradition Four

By Bill W.: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states: "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. Those severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience.

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, [the long form of] this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take any action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or intergroup could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be standard AA literature. The same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general headquarters.

The idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

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Recovery Step Four:

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

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Unity Tradition Four:

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."



Service Concept Four:

"Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels, a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must dis-charge" To better understand of this Concept, please read the full Concept IV in the A.A. Service Manual, page 17, and/or in AA Pamphlet P-8, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated." P-8, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated."

Concept IV – Right of Participation Assures a Voting Representation throughout All of the A.A. Service Structure

Have you ever felt that your ideas of how to go about doing your job as an employee or as a volunteer were not appreciated; or, that other ideas you had about your work situation were ignored? These are exact opposites of the meaning of "right of participation." Concept IV tells us that throughout our A.A. service structure we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "right of participation," taking care that each classification or group of our trusted servants be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must carry out.

Bill W. says the lessons learned about this right of participation, as in most A.A. lessons, came the hard way. In the early days A.A. headquarters was run on authoritarian and institutional lines. At that time, the A.A. Trustees saw no reason to delegate their managerial powers or to work with voting participation with anyone outside their own body. The result was often grievous trouble and misunderstanding. It was years before we saw that we could never put all authority in one group and virtually all responsibility in another and then expect efficiency of operation, let alone real harmony. Participation can usually stop this sort of demoralizing nonsense before it starts. We are not order-takers nor rubber-stamps. We are participants and trusted servants.

Paraphrasing Bill further, he says that we are not against the idea of an ultimate authority. We are only against its misapplication and misuse. The "right of participation" is correction of a misuse or harshness in the application of authority.

Bill also discusses how the right of participation is important spiritually to us individually and to A.A. as a whole. This applies to our relationships with each other throughout our fellowship. All of us have a deep desire to belong and to be included. Because of this we prefer an A.A. relationship of "brotherly partnership." Among A.A members, in our groups, and among our local and world service workers there should never be any who are considered "second class". "Right of participation" includes the attitude that all participants in A.A. make valid and important contributions to our work together. By implication, this relationship of "brotherly partnership" would extend to how we treat each other as persons and how we respect and honor the job each person is doing. A past A.A. Trustee expands on this idea when she says that as we work together in A.A., it is not so much what we do or accomplish, but how well we treat each other while we do it that really matters. "Right of participation" includes having all our ideas both heard and respected.

This is a 12 part series written by members of the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada. Efforts were made to use simple, everyday language. Each concept is written by an individual member of the group and is not necessarily the opinion of AA as a whole or NNIG. We hope this series will help our community to understand the Concepts and bring interest to those wanting to know more about them. Revised May, 2017.

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EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE



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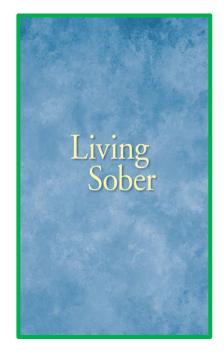
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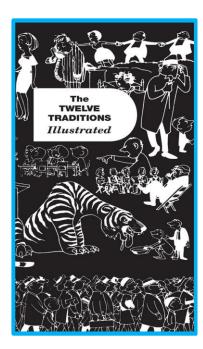
MORE AREA EVENTS

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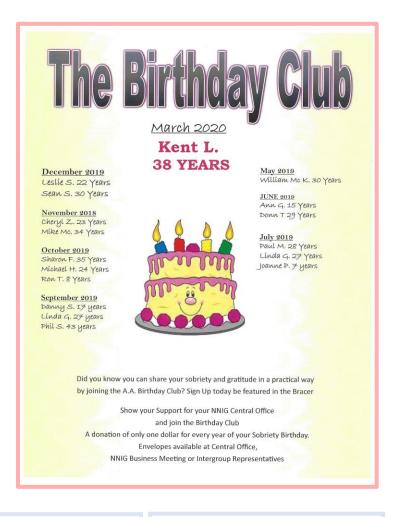
As you can imagine we have been trying to keep up with the almost daily changes, talk about one day at a time. I ask for patience and a little bit of tolerance at this time. Our webmaster, Marshall, has been going above and beyond this last month, THANK YOU Marshall! I would also like to thank the steering committee for keeping the best interest of our fellowship in mind for solutions to any problem that might or has come up during these new adventures we are all experiencing. The central office is still open Monday-Friday, although you might need to knock to be let in.

Volunteer hours-

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help 6
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen -2
- Meeting information 155
- Retail/merchandise~8
- Other 12 step programs- 1
- Events 25
- New to AA 3
- Business/Central office 92
- Total Calls- 292
- Vísítors 238

Central Office Manager



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MONDAY, 5:30 PM
527 HUMBOLT ST
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Genoa 11th Step Meditation Genoa Historic Church

CARING AND SHARING in STEAD MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

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Go to NNIG.org for current info and to find the ZOOM number for your group!

Stay home for Nevada and stay safe, until we meet again!

SUNDAY 4:00 PM 326 N. West Street YERINGTON, NV VIEMES 7:00 A 8:30 PM DOMINGO DE 2:00 A 3:30PM 3320 SANDY WAY SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE

Last Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

N.N.I.G. MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

 $7:00 \ PM \ Silver \ Legacy - Silver \ Baron \ A$ $2^{nd} \ Saturday \ of \ the \ month$ $N.N.I.G. \ H\&I$

First Monday of each month, 5:30 PM Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC

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10:00 AM, CENTRAL OFFICE

DISTRICT 10A Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM 680 River St. Elko, NV

District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM-Reno

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-

information email district

Call (760) 937-8407

DISTRICT 8 First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months

DISTRICT 6 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-For

Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd. Reno

Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

DISTRICT 10B Dark since 2017

DISTRICT 11 Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM

<u>District 12</u> 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457 Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV

DISTRICT 14 3rd Wed of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM -265 Bear Street in Kings Beach CA

<u>DISTRICT 16</u> Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM

DISTRICT 18 DARK DISTRICT

DISTRICT 20 Third Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, Aug & Oct 10:30 AM- Contact DCM @

district20@nevadaarea42.org for location

DISTRICT 22 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 6:30 PM @

Central Office

Volunteers are needed for Bridging the Gap service commitments. We have many opportunities available. Commitments are for one hour once a month. If you are interested, please email nvbtgchair@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to take meetings into hospitals, institutions and treatment centers. Please contact Central Office or Treatment Chair Ryan S. for more information.

AREA CLUBS

Reno / Sparks Clubs

Alano Club Sparks, 1640 Prater Way (775) 359-2727 Driars Club Reno 345 S. Wells Avenue (775) 324-9210 Triangle Club Reno 635 S Wells Avenue (775) 324-7977

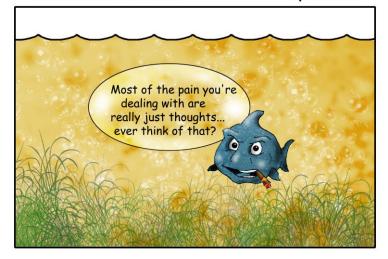
Clubs outside Reno/Sparks Area

Alano Club Carson City, 1800 HWY 50 East (775) 882-0443 Bishop Alano Club (760) 873-6700 Elko Alano Club (775) 738-4747 Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597 South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243 Susanville (775) 355-1151



Drink Like A Fish

by Rick M.



EARLY BIRD PRAYER

Dear Higher Power, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for the kind of day you have have given me. But in a few minutes, Higher Power, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help! Amen.

John H., Council Bluffs, Iowa April 2016

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2020

NNIG/	Central		oup Contributions 2020		
Group	Vlarch	YTD	Group	March	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group		50.00	Happy Hour Reno		
Alano Afternoon Serenity			Incline Village Fellowship Incline to be Sober		
Alano Brown Baggers			Jamesville Moment to Moment		
Alano Dawn Patrol			Kings Beach AA Golden Group		468.00
Alano Jaywalkers			Ladias af the Francisco		
			Ladies of the Evening Ladies of the Lake		57.75
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker			Mammoth Good Life Group		50.00
Alano Sunshine Group			McGill NV Freedom Group		75.00
N 1W 1 12			Minden Language of the Heart		40.00
Alano Women in Recovery Amen Maintenance Meeting			Minden Saturday Night Fever		
Austin Group			Minden Stephanie Way Group Minden/Gardnerville Group		145.60
Back Room Group			Minden Wednesday Night Live		143.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	70.00	172.60	Mt Rose Recovery Room	144.24	429.86
Blairsden Graeagle Sister in Recovery	/	45.00	NNIG Business Meeting	21.00	72.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship		15.00	Our Common Welfare Out and Sober	84.15	84.15 37.00
Blue Canyon Airport group			Our Group Big Book		25.00
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			Positive Acceptance Group		157.20
Caring & Sharing in Stead			Pyramid Way Discussion Group		15.00
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Carson Brown Baggers		986.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped		405.00
			RTC Just for Today Women RTC Coffee with Bill		135.00
Carson Early Birds		405.54	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Carson Happy Hour		100101	RTC Big Book Study		00.00
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Carson Language of the Heart		70.44	RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		
Carson Men's NO BS Stag Carson Sandbaggers	210.00	78.41 510.00	RTC Grapevine/Big Book		
Carson Sisters in Sobriety	210.00	50.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		66.40	itro monday right men s		
Carson Sunday Night Step Study			RTC New Awakenings Group	20.00	179.10
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District 14		150.00	Serenity Sisters Big Book		111.10
District 22	85.00	159.00	South Reno on Sunday	78.34	78.34
District 6			Step 1		50.00
			Susanville Fellowship		
Driars 4th Dimension		125.00	Susanville Wed Womens		
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Coming to terms with a bad situation

Eight years ago I became paralyzed from a medical debacle. I had been complaining about pain between my shoulder blades but the doctor I saw didn't listen and sent me home with a muscle relaxer. As a result, I lost the use of my legs and was confined to a wheelchair. I had to say goodbye to my athletic

lifestyle where my higher power was the Great Out Doors. Even with 23 years of sobriety at the time of the paralysis, I knew I had to come to a place of acceptance or I would be a horrible woman who sits in her wheelchair giving the finger to the world. I resented everyone who could walk. I knew I couldn't live like that.

For the first three years of my paralysis, I negotiated with my HP to be able to walk again. I wrote and shared and wrote and screamed about the huge resentment I had with the doctor. Still miserable, I realized I had to COME TO A DECISION which enabled me to move forward and to navigate through the steps AGAIN.

Next was to come to a place of acceptance. I knew I needed a person in the program to walk me through the steps. One gift of the program has been the women presented to me. I literally bumped into them. The "Sunshine Committee," the A.A. meeting that visits members who can't attend a meeting, came into my life during one of my hospital stays while I was in Reno. Some of those women are still in my life. A.A. taught me to look for the people who had what I wanted. I wanted serenity-and I asked a woman to go through the steps with me. We began this journey reading the 12&12 starting with my powerlessness over paralysis and how unmanageable my life was with resentment. After several months, I rekindled my spiritual path towards acceptance. It must have worked. People started to approach me and I wasn't so prickly as before. I couldn't figure this out-but something about me was different. When I returned to my home in Maine, my friends noticed a change in me. WOW!! I think that is humility. I don't know. All I know is one day at a time, I am grateful to be alive and continue to look for the good in people, places, and things.

I have experienced, PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION. At times, I feel a deep sadness for losses in my life. Such as not being able to ski with my grandchildren or not hiking Mt Rose with program friends. The difference is I don't stay in that sadness too long. I work with HP to focus on all my many, many gifts in my life which continues to be PRESENTS.

Life on life's terms is very, very difficult; however, the 12 steps offered me a road map to navigate my new life.

Heidi C. Reno, NV/Turner, Maine

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