

NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



March 13, 2021
Jose R., Reno
NNIG Steering Committee
Speaker at 7:00
Zoom Meeting ID# 843 0142 9257

March, 2021

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NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

What We Were Like

Fragments of AA History - The AA Preamble

The words contained in the AA Preamble are perhaps the most often repeated words throughout the AA Fellowship. Used to open many meetings around the world, the Preamble encapsulates the essence of AA's Traditions and gives an overview of the practices and principles so vital to AA life.

Yet, where did these words come from? Who wrote them, and why?

Following the first major surge of AA membership in the early 1940s, due in part to the Jack Alexander article about AA in the *Saturday Evening Post* and subsequent media stories about AA, there was an increasing and widespread interest in AA, both among potential candidates for the Fellowship and among those nonalcoholic family members, friends, and professionals who dealt with alcoholics in their daily lives. With the hope of providing a concise definition of AA for such interested people, the June 1947 Grapevine carried the original version of what is now known throughout the AA world as the Preamble. It was written by Tom Y., the Grapevine's first editor, who borrowed heavily for the phrasing on the following paragraph in the Foreword to the first edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*:

"We are not an organization in the conventional sense of the word. There are no dues or fees whatsoever. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect or denomination, nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted."

The Preamble, initially referred to as "the AA Definition," took its place thereafter in each monthly issue of the Grapevine, and soon began to appear in Conference-approved literature and many other AA publications.

The phraseology from the Big Book regarding "an honest desire to stop drinking" as "the only requirement for membership" was carried over into the original wording of the Preamble. However, at the 1958 General Service Conference, a delegate asked about the words "honest desire to stop drinking," suggesting that since "honest" does not appear in the Third Tradition, it might be deleted from the Preamble. In discussion, most Conference members felt that as AA had matured, it had become almost impossible to determine what constitutes an honest desire to stop drinking, and also that some who might be interested in the program could be confused by that phrase. Who was to determine what was an "honest desire" anyway? Thus, as a part of the evolution of AA, the phrase had been dropped from common usage. The mid-summer meeting of the AA General Service Board ratified the deletion, and since then the Preamble has read simply "a desire to stop drinking."

At the same time, the phrase "AA has no dues or fees" was clarified to read as it presently does: "There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions."

Over the years, as the Preamble caught on within the Fellowship and with nonalcoholic friends of AA, it has been translated into many other languages--Russian and Danish being the most recent. In addition, the Preamble has been used in television and radio public service announcements, has been adapted (subject to copyright approval) by many other "twelve step fellowships" as a concise definition of who and what *they* are. It has also been cited in many research papers, self-help books, master's theses, and has appeared in the occasional doctoral dissertation.

Such is the brief history of the AA Preamble--this shining beacon which draws so many sick and suffering alcoholics into its light. And no matter where the Preamble may end up, it will always be best known as the beginning of yet another meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Concept III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

You should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity — at all levels of service — has the right "to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." That is, they can "decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions." This is "the essence of 'The Right of Decision.'" But this right also means the Fellowship must have trust in its "trusted servants." If the groups instruct their G.S.R.s rather than giving them a "Right of Decision," then the area conference is hamstrung. If the G.S.R.s instruct the area delegates rather than giving them a "Right of Decision," then the General Service Conference is hamstrung. As Bill points out, "our Conference delegates are primarily the servants of A.A. as they should . . . cast their votes . . . according to the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time."



Similarly, if the General Service Board, acting through its subsidiary boards, "were to attempt to manage" the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine "in detail, then . . . the staff members . . . would quickly become demoralized; they would be turned into buck-passers and rubber stamps; their choice would be to rebel and resign, or to submit and rot." Bill warns against using "The Right of Decision" as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes: "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other."

A A's

Recovery Step Three:

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

Three

Unity Tradition Three:

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Legacies

Service Concept Three:

"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.-the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."

NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings
 Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street, Reno 89501



Monthly Speaker Meeting
 Doors open at 6:30 PM
 Speaker at 7:00 PM
 Limit of 100 Persons in Person
 Zoom ID# 843 0142 9257



March Meeting at Eldorado

March 13, 2021
Host Group – NNIG Speaker Meeting

Speaker-
Jose R. (Reno NV)

April 10, 2021
 Host Group - Just for Today
Speaker-
Lulu (Los Angeles CA)

May 12, 2021
 Host Group – Jay Walkers
Speaker-
Chris G. (Reno NV)

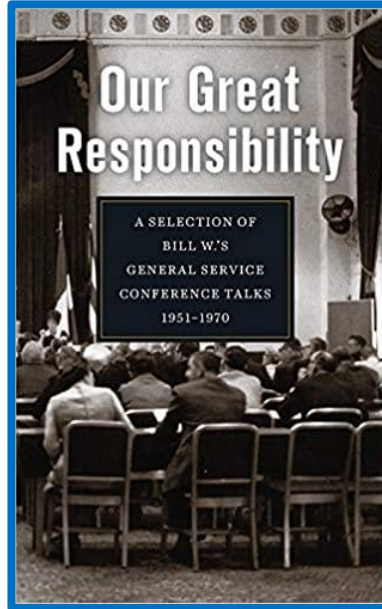
June 12, 2021
 Host Group - RTC Almost Heaven
Speaker-
June G.

July 10, 2021
 Host Group - Whole in the Ground
Speaker –
Bob D. (Las Vegas)

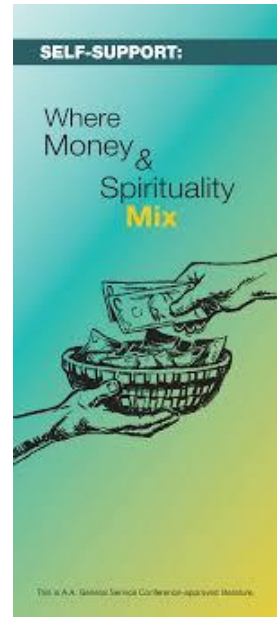
NNIG Speaker Chair: Chad S. (916) 295-8486
 Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151

**BOOK OF
 THE MONTH
 \$13**

FREE with purchase get
 Reprint of original Big Book



**PAMPHLET OF
 THE MONTH**
 Where money &
 Spirituality Mix
FREE



OTHER AREA EVENTS

**The Driars Club,
 Triangle Club,
 Alano Club and
 Alano Club in Carson City
 are open and available
 for meetings.**

For Live, in-person meetings,
 check with Central Office.
 They are keeping a list of all
 meetings currently open.

LETTER FROM A GRIEVING FATHER

I realize that this letter is slanted more to potential members of AA, but possibly it will also help to reinforce the commitment of existing members. On Nov 28, 2020 my younger son passed away, on Dec 21, 2020 my younger brother also passed away. The causation of both of their deaths was alcoholism. I will only address my son's situation as they both mirror each other. The pain of the loss of my son is unbearable, I still see, and hear him speak throughout the day into the night. The families, and loved ones are also victims of alcoholism. Years ago my son lost a very well-paying job because of his drinking, he also lost his house. The disease of alcoholism took over his life. Every time that I suggested that he go to AA, he shrugged it off. I told him that AA has helped millions of people, and continuous to do so. I even told him that I know 4 people that turned their life around thanks to AA, and today they are enjoying a much better quality of life. What happened to my son happens with all alcoholics they incur liver, kidney, and heart problems as well as numerous other medical issues. ie: The immune system of all alcoholics is drastically depleted making them more susceptible to not only the Corona Virus but many other medical issues. There is no doubt in my mind that he would still be alive if he only sought the help that AA provides. AA has the tools that would have helped him, all he had to do was use them. We are all going through life once, this is not a dress rehearsal, we are the only ones that can choose our destiny. Yes, the longest journey starts with that single step, but AA will be there with you when you do, but only if you let them, they will be with you for every step. Every time an alcoholic takes a drink it is the same as putting a gun to their head, the very next drink could be the one the pulls the trigger, that is what happened to my son. Without warning his heart gave out. Article from the CDC (The Center for Disease Control) Alcoholism has led to approximately 95,000 deaths and 2.8 million years of potential life lost each year in the United States from 2011 – 2015, shortening the lives of those who died by an average of 29 years.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to what I have said.
 Joe Franchina
 Las Vegas, NV

Central office report from Ronda H. March 2, 2021

The office was a bit slow for February but boy did it fly by. One of the things that is precious to me is Hope and I learned what Hope means in Alcoholics Anonymous. It has been a year now and while there has been a lot of change and things always change (whether we want them to or not) this has been more than we were prepared for. Some of it we went along willingly, sometimes grudgingly and dare I say occasionally resentfully. I have seen the unity in our fellowship fractured but not broken. Our primary purpose is the same and can never be changed by outside issues if we follow the traditions. Whenever a problem or change came along in this last year and there were many, it always came down to how can we be there for the alcoholics that still suffers? And always HOPE. I have always kept that hope and faith in the fellowship and Alcoholics Anonymous that we would not only get through this but come out the other end stronger. And we are seeing the light, I can feel it in the fellowship and those around me. It is in that hope that we transfer to the newcomer that has only but the mustard seed. We are responsible to anyone that reaches out for help and through this last year I have seen the hand of A.A. be there for many. Thank you fellowship and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help - 7
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 1
- Meeting information- 59
- Retail / merchandise- 13
- Other 12 step programs- 2
- Events - 1
- New to AA - 3
- Business/Central office- 44
- Total Calls- 129
- Visitors - 189



Ronda
Central Office Manager

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

TOM E. - 40 YEARS
SKIP P. - 21

Previous Birthdays

January 2021
Joan H. 50 Years

December Birthdays
Cindy M. 32 Years
Anonymous 33 Years

November 2020:
Rich T. 34 Years
Leslie S. 23 Years

October 2020:
Nancy T. 35 Years, Pete F. 27 Years
Sharon F. 36 Years

September 2020:
Linda G. 28 years, Dan S. 19 years
Phil S. 19 years, Michael H. 25 years

August 2020:
Sandra D. 25 years

July 2020:
Joanne 8 Years, Laurie 9 Years,
Barbara 45 Years

June 2020:
Ann G. 16 Years, Dave S. 43 Years
Nancy S. 29 Years,
Deanna S. 36 Years,
Kylie L. 38 Years, Paul C. 29 Years
John L. 33 Years, Donn T. 30 Years,
Bill Mc. 31 Years

May 2020:
John L. 33 Years, Donn T. 30 Years

April 2020:
Paul M. 29 years, Linda S. 15 years
Ron T. 9 years, Susanne T. 26 years
Skip 20 years

March 2020:
Kent L. 38 years, Kim D. 43 years

Rule 62



Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today and be featured in the Bracer Birthday Club section of the Bracer. Show your Support for your NNIG & Central Office, Join the Birthday Club. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety. Envelopes available at Central Office, NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

When attending an indoor meeting please be aware of the Covid-19 restrictions from the Governor and the facility where the meeting is held about face masks. Some meeting places have a "Mask Required", if you cannot wear a mask go to a different meeting!

Happy Hour
5:30 Friday
3835 Lakeside Dr.
St. Luke's
Lutheran Church
Reno

Happy Hour
5:30 PM
Mon-Sat
5340 Snyder Ave
Carson City

AA
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North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243
Susanville, CA: (775) 355-1151

Plug in the Jug
6:00 pm Wed

166 F. Street
Virginia City

LUNCH BUNCH
NOON MON-FRI
141 INDUSTRIAL WAY

FALLON

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
 2nd 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



District Meetings

DISTRICT-2 Virtually contact DCM

DISTRICT 4 First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-
 Zoom ID: 876 7717 4234 PW: District4

DISTRICT 6 2nd Sunday of even numbered months-
 For information email district6@nevadaarea42.org

DISTRICT 8 First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months
 Call (760) 937-8407

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

DISTRICT 10B Dark since 2017

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

DISTRICT 12 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

DISTRICT 16 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

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

CALLING ALL LONGTIMERS!!!

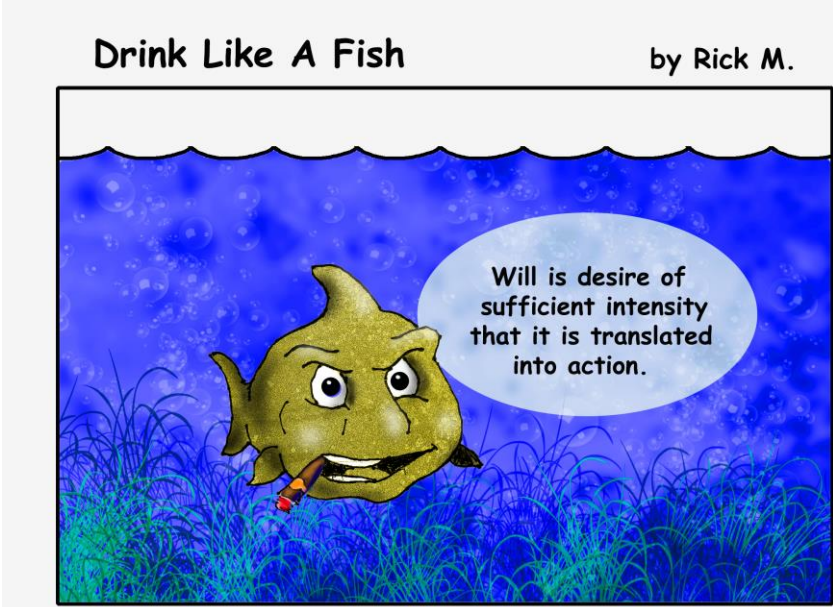
DO YOU HAVE 35 YEARS OF SOBRIETY?
 IF SO, THE ARCHIVES WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
 EACH MONTH, THE ARCHIVES WOULD LIKE TO PUT A LONGTIMER'S STORY IN THE BRACER.
BUT WE NEED YOUR STORIES!!!
CONTACT CYNDY:
nigarchives@GMAIL.COM
 OR RONDA: 775-335-1151

The office will be closed on the following holidays

May 31 – Memorial Day
Saturday June 19th - Founders Day
Monday July 4- Independence Day
Monday September 6 - Labor Day
Friday October 29 - Nevada Day
Thursday November 11 - Veterans Day
November 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving
December 24th & 25th - Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

3rd Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee-
 -to build with me and to do
 with me as Thou wilt.
 Relieve me of the bondage
 of self, that I may better do
 Thy will. Take away my
 difficulties, that victory over
 them may bear witness to
 those I would help of Thy
 power, Thy love, and Thy
 Way of life. May I do Thy
 will always!



NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2021

<u>Group</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
3rd Tradition Secular Group		
A Vision for You		
A Way Home		140.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		
Alano Brown Baggers		
Alano Dawn Patrol		
Alano Jaywalkers		
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		
Alano Sunshine Group		
Alano Women in Recovery		
Amen Maintenance Meeting		
Back Room Group		
Back to Basics Saturday Night		
Battle Mountain Fellowship		
Blairsdan Graeagle Sister in Recovery		
Beginners are Winners On-Line Group		214.50
Caring & Sharing in Stead		273.72
Carlin Crystal Light Group		
Carson AA Way of Life		
Carson After Shifters		
Carson Airport		
Carson Big Book Experience		
Carson Brown Baggers		962.80
Carson Dr. Bob Nightngales		
Carson Early Birds		1149.22
Carson Happy Hour	500.00	500.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		200.00
Carson Language of the Heart		
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		
Carson Sandbaggers		
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		
Carson Sunday Morning Fire Station		
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		
Crystal Bay Nooners	50.00	150.00
Chester Fellowship		
Chester Saturday Night Group		
Choices		
Cornerstone Group		
Dayton Fellowship Hall		
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		
Dayton Sunday Morning		
Deer Park Rebels		66.00
District 12		
District 14	50.00	100.00
District 2		400.00
District 22	28.00	83.00
District 6		
Driars 4th Dimension	23.00	23.00
Driar's Positive Step		
Driar's Support Hose		
Eye Opener		
Fallon Grapevine Group	65.00	65.00
Fallon Sunlight of the Spirit		
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		
Fernley Groups		200.00
Fireside Group		
First Responders		
Galena Friday Night		
Ground Zero	200.00	200.00
Grupo Accion		
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	20.00
Grupo Latino		
Grupo Nueva Vida		
Grupo Solo Por Hoy		

<u>Group</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Happy Hour Reno		
Incline to be Sober		
Incline Village Fellowship		
Jamesville Moment to Moment		
Kings Beach AA Golden Group		
Ladies of the Evening		
Ladies of the Lake		
Mammoth Good Life Group		
McGill NV Freedom Group		
Minden Language of the Heart	40.00	40.00
Minden Saturday Night Fever		
Minden Stephanie Way Group		226.00
Minden Wednesday Night Live		100.00
Minden/Gardnerville Group		
Mt Rose Recovery Room	435.10	435.10
NNIG Business Meeting		
Our Common Welfare		
Our Group Big Book		50.00
Out and Sober		
Portola Group		
Positive Acceptance Group		94.53
Pyramid Way Discussion Group		
RENVPA		
RTC Afternoon Delight		
RTC Almost Heaven	150.00	300.00
RTC Aloha Group		
RTC Beginners are Winners		
RTC Big Book Study		33.00
RTC Coffee with Bill		
RTC Don't Trip Music Meeting		
RTC Grapevine/Big Book		25.00
RTC How We Stay Stopped	60.00	60.00
RTC Just for Today Women		113.25
RTC Little Rascals	97.50	97.50
RTC Recien Liegados		
RTC Mid-Day Group ON-LINE	23.00	113.98
RTC Monday Night Men's		
RTC New Awakenings Group		218.43
RTC Seniors in Sobriety		
RTC Sober N Sane		30.00
Serenity Sisters Big Book		
Sierraville Group		
Silver Springs Groups		
Sisters in Sobriety		199.40
Sisters of Sobriety SOS		
Sober Readers		
South Reno on Sunday		
South Shore Group		
Southside Group	138.70	271.44
Step 1		
Sunnyside Group		
Susanville Fellowship		
Susanville Thursday Night		
Susanville Wed Womens		
Tahoe City Fellowship		
The Rock Group		
The Twilight Zone		
Truckee Dawn Patrol		
Truckee Fellowship		
Truckee River Men's Stag	342.00	342.00
Verdi Bookies		
Virgina City Plug in the Jug		212.00
Wednesday Night Beginners Meeting		
Westwood AA		
Whitaker Park		
Whole in the Ground Sunnyside		
Willing to go to any Lengths		220.00
Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		
Women's 24 Hours A Day		
Women's New Beginnings		
Women's New Harmony		30.00
Yerington Group		
Young at Heart		

Total 2,222.30 7,958.87

My belief - Your belief

BY: PHILLIP T. | SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

A member shares about his own spiritual journey in AA and says we all need time to find our place

When I was a newcomer, some people were very aggressive in attempting to tell me that my Christian understanding of a Higher Power was a problem. They said I had to abandon my beliefs to accept "AA's concept."

To this day, I don't know what they meant. But this made my initial journey into the program, and the question of God, more problematic and challenging for me than it needed to be. I wondered for a long time if I could still be a Christian and be a part of this AA thing. I have also heard people hammering newcomers with a very specific concept of God, a very Christian-sounding version, insisting that newcomers had to believe in a particular concept of God to be a part of the program.

I learned from my sponsor that my beliefs about God weren't a problem. He helped me through those vulnerable and troubling first months of sobriety. He struggled intensely with his own concept of God and he openly shared those struggles with me. He was an atheist at the time he worked with me, while I was a Christian with a strong faith.

My faith alone, however, was not able to keep me sober. I needed AA. I never tried to convert my sponsor and he never tried to convert me. He took me through the Big Book. I was desperate to hear what he and the Big Book had to say. We bonded over that mutual connection that the disease of alcoholism creates in us. For me, my faith and understanding of a Higher Power was strengthened, as was my faith in AA and in the Twelve Steps. His work with me has helped my own program of sobriety give fruition to the Promises presented in the Ninth Step.

I can't say what happened for him on the God-front but he always shared with me how much he valued our time together. We are good friends to this day. I got to give him his seven-year sobriety chip soon after he had to disconnect his brother from life support. His brother was an alcoholic who was unable to get the message of AA.

I sponsored a lot of guys. Of those guys, the only one who is still sober, to my knowledge, was an atheist when I started working with him. He was still an atheist when he moved away from Sacramento and got a new sponsor. We struggled with the Third Step. I let him explore his reactions to the concepts presented in the Big Book. I didn't try to convert him. I listened to what he had to say, just as my sponsor listened to me.

I don't know where my old sponsee stands on God now, but I have watched the Ninth Step Promises come into his life. He participates in service work and helps others to get sober and stay sober.

To this day, I believe my experience with my sponsor, and my only sober sponsee, send an important message about this very contentious issue of spirituality in the program. I believe that it is of paramount importance to honor and give space for the process that each person must engage in to work through the issue of faith and a Higher Power in AA. To me, a critical aspect of the program is presented in the words, "God, as we understand Him."

The program presents us with a question and then leaves a nurturing space for us to examine and investigate the question. I believe that it's more important for our sobriety and for our relationship with a Higher Power to sincerely examine and explore the question and the concept of God than it is to come to any particular answer.

As a faithful Christian, I'm not threatened by other conceptions of God, nor do I think a person's program of sobriety is compromised by a different understanding of God than mine, even if it's simply a "Group Of Drunks" or "Good Orderly Direction." As my understanding of the program teaches me, I judge a person by their works. If someone is working with others, carrying the message and reaching out to newcomers, I see an understanding of God that works.

I've met people all across the spectrum on the God issue. These are people who have overcome many challenges in their own lives and yet have made a potent impact in the lives of others. I have witnessed the Ninth Step Promises come to fruition for individuals representing all dimensions on the spectrum of faith. I have to believe what my experience tells me, that the founders of AA were wise to include "as we understood Him," in the Third and Eleventh Steps. These words create an important part of the recovery process: The nurturing space to explore the question of God within oneself.

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Protocol for virtual meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous

Throughout the last year some things have changed in the way meetings are held. With that change comes growing pains. We may have let the traditions slip by us. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our recovery and we must do what we can to protect that. Although many of you that host meetings might already be aware of the suggested settings. It is a good idea to have them posted and accessible. The following are some suggestions that came from the San Francisco and Marin Intergroup for Zoom A.A. meetings:

*Go to: Settings > Recording and click off the Local and Cloud recording features.

In the Zoom Settings section, under the Meeting subtab:

- Require Encryption for Third Party Endpoints
- Disable Auto saving chats
- Disable File transfer
- Disable Feedback to Zoom
- Disable Screen sharing
- Disable desktop/screen share for users
- Disable Remote control
- Allow Virtual background (this is the Zoom default and allows the user to use a virtual background instead of the inside of their apartment, for example)

In the Zoom Settings section, under the Recording subtab:

- Disable Local recording
- Disable Cloud recording
- Disable Automatic recording

These are ways to protect and practice A.A.'s tradition of anonymity. There are many other great suggestions from our friends at <https://aasfmarin.org>.

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Along with previous suggestions the most effective way of preventing malicious disruptions and the dreaded Zoom Bomber is:

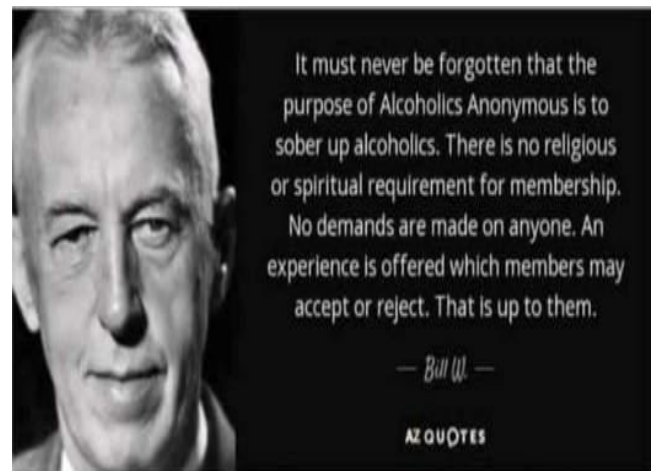
Having a co-Host there specifically to handle any disruptive participants -this is one of the best ways to handle bombers

Keep everyone muted until called upon

Do not allow screen sharing

There is no way of completely getting rid of these delinquents but there are ways to make it harder for the disruptions to happen.

As our A.A. community keeps changing so do the meetings. The **nng.org** website will only publish meetings that are accessible to anyone that has a desire to stop drinking. (Tradition 3) If there is a meeting that is not it will be removed. Each group is autonomous and therefore no one can tell a group that they must have their meeting accessible to everyone (Tradition 4). Northern Nevada Intergroup is the direct servant of the groups. Northern Nevada Intergroup will always carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in accordance with the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts.



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