

A A's

**Recovery
Step : Eight**
**“Made a list of all
the people we have
harmed and
become willing to
make amends to
them all.”**

Three

**Unity
Tradition Eight:**
**“Alcoholics
Anonymous should
remain forever
nonprofessional, but
our service centers
may employ special
workers .”**

Legacies

**Service
Concept Eight**
**The General Service
Board Acts in Larger
Matters of Policy and
Finance, and Has
Custodial Oversight of
the A.A. Corporations.**

Concept VIII

Having introduced and discussed relationships between the General Service Conference and the General Service Board in concept 6 and 7, Bill goes on to discuss matters of practical operations of A.A.'s world services and concept 8 here he introduces two other components of the A.A. world service structure the corporations. Incorporated legally under the laws of the state of New York the World Service structure includes Alcoholics Anonymous World Service incorporated (AAWS) and the Grapevine Inc. These corporate entities carry out day-to-day world service operations and activities.

AAWS is often referred to as the “publishing arm” of A.A., and is charged with developing, publishing and distributing our literature, books and pamphlets, as other operating of the fellowship including communications with our members and groups. The Grapevine, Inc. produces, publishes and distributes the A.A. Grapevine , often referred to as “our meeting in print”.

As Bill points out , the Board (Trustees) devotes itself to larger and critical matters of policy, finance, group relations, public relations and leadership. The Trustees are expected to skillfully manage , plan, and execute. They must not be burdened with the endless questions and difficulties that arise daily , weekly and monthly in the routine conduct of world service affairs. The corporate entities were created in order to do this. Each of the corporations has its own charter, its own corporate directors, its own working capital, its own executive, its own employees and its office and equipment. The two corporations carry out their assigned functions, duties and responsibilities independently but with Board oversight The board serves as a holding company charged only with custodian oversight of the two corporate entities. Board involvement is usually limited to such matters as mediating difficult situations and ensuring that the separate corporations operate within their budget and within the general framework of A.A. and its headquarters policy. In modern parlance it might be said that the Board oversees but does not micromanage.

Bill said that the corporate structure is in line with modern business practice and has demonstrated that it is superior to any other method of operation having many communities as departments of the board trying to carry out the needed day-to-day work for example which will be very cumbersome and ineffective.

Finally, in concept 8, Bill argues that 2 corporations (AWS and the Grapevine) are necessarily because of the differences in their purpose and activities. Placing all the needed activities under one corporation would create executives difficulties, requiring too many executive talents in one person and over concentrated executive authority. Bill's wisdom was proven once again when a recent approval to combine the two corporations in order to save money and create efficiency did not receive conference approval.

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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Central office report from

Ronda H. July 2026

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- Calls for AA help - 4
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 0
- Meeting information - 35
- Retail / merchandise - 12
- Other 12-step programs - 9
- Events - 19
- New to AA/ Talked with - 0
- Business/Central office- 42
- Visitors - 243 -Dogs- 3

Texts - 4 Phone calls on the text Phone- 1

*Ronda H.
Central Office Manager*



Birthdays for the month JULY

Jeremy L. 5 Years

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Paul M. 33 Years

Previous Birthdays

May 2026

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Nancy M. 33 Years

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August

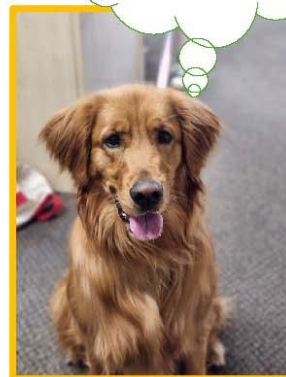
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Deadline for submission is the last Friday of the month.

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PW: bestdamnd4

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For information email
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Call [\(760\) 937-8407](tel:7609378407)

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680 River St. Elko, NV

DISTRICT 10B Dark since 2017

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

DISTRICT 12 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457
Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV

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Bear Street in Kings Beach CA

DISTRICT 16 Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month 424
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DISTRICT 20 Third Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, Aug & Oct
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"You may not have gone to jail or prison, but
you know how to stay out of it."



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filled. Back up shifts are always
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Eighth Step Prayer

**Higher Power, I ask for Your help in making my list of all
those I have harmed. I will take responsibility for my
mistakes, and be forgiving to others just as you are to me.
Grant me the willingness to begin my restitution.
This I pray.**

NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2026

Group	July	YTD	Group	July	YTD
Last Call	2.90	4.65	Happy Hour Reno		666.50
4th Dimension- ON-LINE		241.00	Kindred Spirits	265.00	485.00
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Beginners are Winners On-Line Gro	522.00	1676.00	Mid-Day Group On-Line	50.00	112.81
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Bishop High Sierra Group		178.23	Minden Saturday Night Fever		569.10
Blairsdan Graegle Sisters in Recovery		100.00	Minden Stephanie Way Group		375.00
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Carson After Shifters		283.91	Mt Rose Recovery Room	209.24	1006.14
Carson Alano Club			NNIG Business Meeting	69.75	529.75
Carson Big Book Babes		50.00	Old Time AA	32.58	82.58
Carson Big Book Experience		40.00	Our Common Welfare	54.00	493.00
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District 12		200.00	Sisters of Sobriety SOS		162.70
District 14			Slide Mountain Candle light Group		35.50
District 2	7.00	55.50	South Y Group		90.00
District 22	140.00	1030.00	Southside Group	15.00	373.86
District 6			Slide Mountain Serenity	51.20	51.20
Driars A Vision for You		100.00	Sparks Sunshine		183.00
Driar's Nickle		360.00	Sunnyside Group	315.00	1720.00
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Fallon Saturday Grapevine			Truckee Fellowship		
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Galena Friday Night	200.00	200.00	Wednesday Beginners are Winners		436.37
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Sparks Brown Baggers					
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Sparks Open Heart Open Mind		346.50			
Sparks Sunshine Group		186.80			

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What did you think when you went to your first meeting?

My first meeting I had been drinking and had taken drugs. I sat really close to the door. It was Five Cities, fellowship in Fremont, California.

What made you go back?

Probably desperation. Something was pulling at me to return. I wanted what you had, but didn't know what it was.

Were you required to go to A.A.?

No. I was required to go to the drug program.

Did you have some first impressions or were you too loaded?

God. I was just a mess. I was 22 and then turned 23 by the time I went to my first meeting. I don't know, I guess I just knew right away that I belonged. I read the steps and, checked those off real quick, but I couldn't stop drinking. I kept going to that drug program for nine months. I was on a year of probation, testing and the probation officer and all that. I was in the system. They gave me the 20 questions. Second Chance was the name of it. I answered yes to all but 1 question. It seemed like what I was doing.

Was there a point or an incident that happened that finally made you say, I'm going to try this thing. I'm going to try doing this and not drink or use and just be an AA member?

Well, it took three years from me to stop. I wanted it. I just couldn't stop. I was just spinning and got arrested. I was taken to jail, and that's a rude awakening. Then doing those court appearances and not going to the Second Chance. So that was probably a turning point to go to Second Chance. It was 1976, it was a different world. It was the end the '60s. I was lost. I was empty. There was no one, it was the end of a bad run. I kept coming back.

Did it feel like coming into A.A. and being around the people and the fellowship was like maybe filling up that emptiness a little bit?

I'm sure it did. But it wasn't a new emptiness. It had been in emptiness forever. I didn't know until later that it was caused by grave emotional and mental disorders. I'd never been hugged. My mom never hugged me or supported me. I remember getting hugged by the people in the program. There were things that were happening

that were just very nice and felt good. It was comfortable to be around people that were in recovery. There were some things that happened that were not good in that drug program. But it got me in the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous, because that's where recovery is, not in the drug program.

What is your favorite part of Alcoholics Anonymous?

Relationship with God. Spirituality. The people. I like people.

What changes have you seen in the A.A. from when you came in from the 70s to 2026?

The court papers. When that happened, it just shifted everything in A.A. It was sad for quite a few years, the disruption. People that didn't want to be there, people who were not looking for sobriety, people that were forced to go to A.A. meetings. It changed the whole atmosphere of A.A. It took probably 10, 15 years for that to settle down a little bit. Constant disruption of meetings. That and no smoking. I smoked when I got here. It seemed like everybody smoked and drank coffee.

I think also with 12-step calls, the advent of all the treatment centers and hospitals. The alcoholic wasn't called on quite as much to do 12-step calls. I also think they used to require people to have a little bit more sobriety to chair the meetings. There are people with two weeks asked to chair the meeting. I think there's not quite as much discipline, it's kind of evolved over the years.

What do you like to tell newcomers when you see newcomers in the meetings?

Don't drink. Keep coming back. It works if you don't drink. It's a wonderful journey but there's a lot of pitfalls. Even a vacation doesn't always go smooth. So don't drink. Talk to God, talk to people. It took me three years. I was talking to God the whole time, I couldn't stop. Then I had to make a decision. By the grace of God, really.

This Interview took place on June 22, 2026

**A "shortcoming"
is like a flat tire.
A "character
defect" is like
driving on it.**

Tradition Eight

No One's the Boss

By: Steve S. | Bloomfield, N.J.

Oh, no! What will these AAs make him do? What does he owe? This newcomer's first encounter with the Traditions was a pleasant surprise.

At my very first AA meeting, two large vinyl posters were hanging on the wall. The Twelve Steps were on one poster and the Twelve Traditions were on another.

With a suspicion-filled mind, I read the words on them. What I gathered from the Traditions was that it sounded like no one in particular was in charge, and the only goal was to help. I figured this was like most organizations; its ideals were posted on the walls. I sat in meetings a long time waiting to spot who actually was going to presume they could boss me around and what they would claim I owed.

Turns out I was wrong. As a dear AA friend likes to share at meetings, "When it comes to carrying AA's message, we do it for fun and for free."

My suspicion, which today I consider a fermented form of fear, has never played out. Here and there, AAs might act bossy, but not one is the boss of another. We are each left to our own path of recovery. We are each subject to our own devices, our own consciences.

And we owe nothing. Matters of money, time and talents are also left to each member to decide whether or not, and how much to contribute. Each member is their own boss and chooses if and how to contribute to AA's collective effort to carry the AA message to alcoholics who still suffer. This approach is best.

There's a line in the Tradition Eight essay from our book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* which says, "Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid Twelfth-Stepper." I identify. This principle of "non-professionalism" when it comes to carrying AA's message saved me from my fearful, suspicion-driven mind. As I sat reading those Traditions on the poster that day, I decided that if someone attempted to boss me, I wasn't coming to another meeting. I would take my alcohol-soaked resentments home and not come back!

Thankfully no one bossed me. Rather, many helped, and the Steps provided a path to freedom from alcohol and the resentments that I have continued to enjoy for more than 20 years now.

Another influence, more subtle but as great in importance, also stemmed from Tradition Eight as I look back. The first meeting I attended included about six or seven regulars. I took quick measure of them, as I had to spot who the boss really was among them. The suspicion in my keen alcoholic mind was dulled and ultimately outdone by openness. Not one of the six or seven took on being "the boss" and not one of them was getting paid. The real kicker though, what kicked down my suspicion and made room for some open-mindedness, was the fact that they were there in our meeting every week just to be helpful—and they were having fun.

I wasn't having much fun in those days. Being afraid and resentful of everyone and everything is serious stuff. Also, I wasn't interested in doing anything without getting paid, even though I was a lousy employee and hardly employed.

When it came to AA's message being carried, non-professionalism was in effect at that first AA meeting I attended—no bosses and no one getting paid. There's more to Tradition Eight, including the whole bit about service centers and employment and support of AA members' Twelfth Step efforts. But this article is short, so I hope you review for yourself, in full, the Tradition Eight essay in the "Twelve and Twelve."

Tradition Eight, and all Twelve Traditions on the one poster, were all in effect and a part of the AA group I was so fortunate to find. I am grateful because I know today that those Traditions fostered the group's environment of love and tolerance as well as singleness of purpose. All of which were essential so I would stick around long enough to experience the amazing gifts along the path described on that other poster, the one with the Twelve Steps.

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RULE 62

What's the difference between a social drinker, a problem drinker, and an alcoholic?

The social drinker gets served an alcoholic beverage and noticed a fly in the drink, so he calls the bartender back and requested a new drink.

The problem drinker noticed the fly, takes it out of the glass and drinks the beverage.

The alcoholic noticed the fly, removes it from the drink and says to the fly "OK a-hole, spit it out!"

An old-timer was going off in a meeting, explaining how the Steps were numbered because they are meant to be worked in order. He went on to say that you can't skip ahead because that would be a formula for disaster.

A newcomer carrying a pot of coffee was so captivated by the old-timer's narrative that she didn't watch where she was going and tripped. She accidentally spilled some of the hot coffee on the old-timer.

Aghast, she stood there in horror as the old-timer wailed at her, saying, "Aren't you even going to say you're sorry?"

Stunned, the newcomer replied, "I would, but I'm not on Step Ten yet!"

A drunk sitting at the bar, between sips chuckled and then said, "Ah, shucks!"

He did this again and again until the bartender asked him what he was doing. The poor guy replied, "I keep telling myself jokes. And I've heard them all!"

TIME OUT for a puzzle. Write down your age. Multiply by 2. Add 5. Multiply by 50. Subtract 365; then add the loose change in your pocket under one dollar. Add 115. The first two figures in the answer are your age; the last two, the amount of change in your pocket. Don't spend it all at once.

It's a miracle!

A pastor is stumbling across a parking lot looking for his car, when a cop sees him. the officer walks up to him and asks, "have you had anything to drink tonight sir?"

"No," the pastor replies.

"So, what's in that cup?" the cop asks.

"Water sir, take a look!" he says.

Looking in the cup, the officer says, "this isn't water, it's wine!"

Gasping, the pastor exclaims, "he did it again!"



"It is easier to resist the bait than to struggle on the hook."





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