



NEWSLETTER

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A.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The July Reps. meeting will be on 7/1/21 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607. There is a New Reps. Orientation Meeting beforehand at 7:00 pm same Meeting ID and Passcode.
- H&I is looking for a chair to lead the Monday morning Zoom meeting for NUMC at 9:30am. Contact Archie at institutions@nassaunya-aa.org if you are interested.
- The Virtual Nassau County Unity Breakfast will be on Sunday 6/27/21 from 9:00am- 11:00am. Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID:926 5515 7743 Passcode: unity
- NI Treasurer reports that contributions have been healthy all year but fell off in May. Acknowledgements are getting out slowly due to group address and treasurer changes but every contribution is appreciated.
- Traditions workshops will be every second Sunday of the month at 10 AM. Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607
- There are service opportunities with the Nightbook/Daybook (see pg. 8)
- The office is open with restricted access, please call ahead (516-292-3045) to verify if someone is available. Masks and social distancing is required.
- If you have any information about a group formed after 1970 please contact John from archives via email at archives@nassaunya-aa.org.

Calendar Of Events:

July 2021	August 2021
<u>7/1/21:</u> - New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm	<u>8/4/21:</u> - H&I Committee Meeting 8:00pm - Corrections Committee Meeting 8:30pm
<u>7/7/21:</u> - Corrections Committee Meeting 8:30pm	<u>8/5/21:</u> - New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm
<u>7/11/21:</u> - Traditions Workshop 10:00am	<u>8/8/21:</u> - Traditions Workshop 10:00am
<u>7/14/21:</u> - Share-A-Day Planning Committee 7:00pm	<u>8/11/21:</u> - Share-A-Day Planning Committee 7:00pm
<u>7/19/21:</u> - Nassau General Service 12 Concepts Workshop 7:30pm	<u>8/16/21:</u> - Nassau General Service New Reps Meeting 7:00pm - Nassau General Service Committee Meeting 7:30pm
<u>7/29/21:</u> - Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm (by invitation)	<u>8/26/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention - Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm (by invitation)
	<u>8/27/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention
	<u>8/28/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention
	<u>8/29/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention



**Drunks are calling...
Let's ensure the hand of
A.A. is there to answer their calls.**

The A.A. hotline, both the daytime phones and the Nightbook, is in dire need of phone volunteers.

Reach out to
Kenny at officemanager@nassaunya.org or
Luisa at nightbook@nassaunya.org
for opportunities
to do service.

"Each day my friend's simple talk in our kitchen multiplies itself in a widening circle of peace on earth and good will to men."

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For detailed information regarding each meeting, please refer to the Nassau Intergroup Calendar of Events website, which can be found [here](#).

THE THREE LEGACIES

Step Seven

Step 7, devoted such little explanation in the Big Book, was and is to this day one of the most difficult steps for this alcoholic. However in that difficulty also exists a unique feeling of freedom and humility that only practicing Step 7 has given me. In that difficulty exists a connection with the God of my understanding I would not be able to have otherwise.

After going through Step 6 and becoming willing to have God remove all the defects of character which were made painfully obvious in Steps 4 and 5, Step 7 and its associated prayer is where we turn all of those defects over to our respective higher power. Until that point my entire being was just a long list of character defects. In the past, those defects ruined the lives of everyone who knew me in any capacity. Upon coming to Step 7 the first time, those defects were still weighing down my budding relationship with God. In the present, those defects hamper my ability to be useful to others.

Step 7 compounds the submission of will made in Step 3. Just like saying a 3rd Step prayer in my own words I also say a 7th Step prayer in my own words. I specifically mention whatever defects are especially

prevalent in my life at the time and that helps me to be actively conscious of when those defects begin to crop up, and on occasion allows me to act in direct opposition to them. Step 7 is not a passive Step. All of the 7th Step prayers will do nothing if I say them and go about my day as per usual. But in that regard, practicing the 7th Step is a perfect example of the saying "God will move mountains but you need to bring the shovel".

Lastly, Step 7 does not say God WILL remove all of my shortcomings and it's important for me to be grateful for all the defects God has chosen to leave in me. Each defect is an imperfection; an imperfection which allows me to grow as a person and grow closer with God. There is no ceiling on growth, there is no ceiling on freedom, and it is nothing short of a privilege to be able to practice Step 7.

Ray

SEVENTH STEP PRAYER

My creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me the strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding.

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STEP SEVEN

Humbly asked Him
to remove our
shortcomings.

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THE THREE LEGACIES CONTINUED...

Tradition Seven

What I love most about our traditions, is that they were born of our fellowships' mistakes, not our victories; forever offering us an opportunity for growth and humility, and providing us with what we need, as opposed to what we want.

My understanding of some of our history is that in our fellowships infancy, Bill led the charge in acquiring funds in the hopes of opening up hospitals and dreaming of becoming a recovery CEO. Albert Scott, the head of an engineering firm in NY, was among the people Bill met with while attempting to gain the audience of John D. Rockefeller, and his fortune. When told of our altruistic movement, he responded, "that's first century Christianity. Won't money spoil this thing?" It's ideals were love and service.

By definition, altruistic: a disinterested and selfless concern for the well being of others, unselfish. Rockefeller, a strict Baptist, agreed and felt strongly that the fellowship must be self supporting. He saved AA from its own members. But what he did not donate in millions, he did offer them in the gift of credibility which allowed the spread of the fellowship.

It's also my understanding that the traditions, at a group level, are what the individual aspires to be in their lives by living in the steps. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Money is necessary to grease the wheels so to speak, but it is written that it is the love of money that is the root of evil. That would divert us from our primary purpose, which is essentially love in action and service. "Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune."

By being self supporting, The Twelve and Twelve also speaks of the fellowship reviving ideals ideals,

much like the individual who practices spiritual principles and strives to enlarge his/her spiritual life. Remaining poor on a corporate level inspired integrity, allowing the fellowship and the world to observe the change that we all need and want in our lives of the irresponsible into the responsible.

James

TRADITION SEVEN

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.

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TRADITION SEVEN CHECKLIST

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it? 6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

Two Kinds of Power: Human and Higher

Concept I introduced us to the relationship between responsibility and authority. The next five Concepts focus a great deal on the principle of responsibility. My sponsor was quick to point out that the three Concepts that focus on certain “rights” also carry a significant amount of responsibility: We not only have the right to participate, to decide, and to appeal — we also have the responsibility to do so.

Concept VII directs our attention to the second focal point of Concept I: authority. Who, exactly, has power in AA, and how, precisely, is that power to be exercised?

Bill’s essay on this subject begins by focusing on the legal power of the General Service Board. Quite simply, it is extensive. The trustees have the legal authority to make any and all operational and financial decisions they wish. This is in keeping with the legal authority held by any corporate board. In order to operate a nonprofit organization in the state of New York, a corporate board must be

endowed with sufficient power to make decisions.

For this reason, Concept VII outlines our board’s authority, recognizing it’s legal power. For most organizations, that would be the end of any discussion regarding power. But not so with AA.

In our Fellowship, we recognize that spiritual power is just as vital — and often even more important — than legal power. And nowhere is spiritual power more evident in AA than when it flows through that wonderful vehicle known as a group conscience.

So while the General Service Board can do whatever it likes with the dollars sent by groups and members to GSO, the trustees ALSO understand that any significant departure from the group conscience of AA — as it’s expressed through the annual cycle of our General Service Conference — would cause a rumbling in the fellowship that would negatively impact those voluntary contributions. This relationship with the AA Fellowship through the “power of the purse strings” is how we maintain a healthy balance between the legal

power of a corporate board, and the spiritual power of a society of alcoholics in action.

Jim

CONCEPT SEVEN

The Conferences recognizes that the Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness

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CONCEPT SEVEN CHECKLIST

1. Do we act responsibly regarding the “power of the purse”?
2. Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the G.S.B.?

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THE A.A. "PROMISES"

"It may mean the loss of many nights sleep, great interference to your pleasures, interruptions to your business. It may mean sharing your money and your home, counseling frantic wives and relatives, innumerable trips to police courts, sanitariums, hospitals, jails and asylums. Your telephone may jangle at any time of the day or night. Your wife may sometimes say she is neglected. A drunk may smash the furniture in your home, or burn a mattress. You may have to fight with him if he is violent. Sometimes you will have to call a doctor and administer sedatives under his direction. Another time you may have to send for the police or an ambulance. Occasionally you will have to meet such conditions."

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There are some promises that aren't often talked about. Some promises that don't look enjoyable and are often avoided by many. There promises that will come true if your really involved with working with others, and they go like this. "It may mean the loss of many nights sleep, great interference to your pleasures, interruptions to your business. It may mean sharing your money and your home, counseling frantic wives and relatives, innumerable trips to police courts, sanitariums, hospitals, jails and asylums. Your telephone may jangle at any time of the day or night. Your wife may sometimes say she is neglected. A drunk may smash the furniture in your home, or burn a mattress. You may have to fight with him if he is violent. Sometimes you will have to call a doctor and

administer sedatives under his direction. Another time you may have to send for the police or an ambulance. Occasionally you will HAVE TO meet such conditions." You can see why these aren't really promises that people would pray for. But I can honestly say these situations have been the bright spot of my life. I believe that if I'm doing service that's convenient for me than I'm not doing enough service. I never had the ability to be useful, or the ability to give anyone anything other than problems and worries. But through the process of transformation, by a loving God through the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, I've been given the power to serve. To meet these conditions regularly. To be aware that this is my purpose and that I can be uniquely useful to another

alcoholic, where no one else can. That I can give that person hope the same way that hope was so freely given to me. If someone wasn't meeting these conditions, I wouldn't be where I am today.

In my experience the best way to feel the power is to share it, but that experience has become secondary. It is always transcended by the happiness I find in giving myself to others.

Joe P.

"WE ASK" A.A. MEMBER'S FAVORITE BIG BOOK PRAYERS

"God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and 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."

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My favorite prayer currently in the Big Book is the Third Step Prayer.

From the first time stepping into the rooms of A.A., and seeing the steps on the wall, the word God freaked me out. I wasn't an atheist, but I had no real faith and was never one to pray. I was more agnostic if anything. However, I kept an open mind because I was desperate to not rely on a substance to make me feel "normal."

I was desperate to not feel the way I did when I was using. I found a sponsor at my first meeting, not knowing what that entailed but I was willing to do anything to stop digging myself into a deeper hole.

I took suggestions and started the steps.

When I got up to the third step I was anxious because, though I was willing to believe, I didn't understand how to turn my will over. This prayer helps with that. Turning my will over is something I still struggle with months into recovery. I don't want to let go of control but I repeat this prayer with faith that I will one day be able to surrender entirely.

This prayers keeps me grounded when I am trying to take my will back. From my experience, when I am doing what I want and am in my will, things don't end up well. I end up just more hurt then before.

It was suggested to say this prayer every morning right when I wake up. Of course, I'm not perfect, I forget days, I take my will back in different ways. It's progress, not perfection and I haven't picked up in over eight months so something is working. When I am feeling lost, I try to say this prayer. In those moments, I feel less alone. I am slowly learning to give my will over to the care of God, as I understand him, as I continue on with the steps.

Hillary

CHAIR'S CORNER

Change? Yikes!

The rumblings have already begun. Groups and members are staking out their positions. "Are you going to use the revised version of the Preamble in your group?" "Should we use it in ours?" Answers to this range from "Of course!" to "Hell no!" as well as the usual sprinkling of "Huh? They changed what?"

Each of us is entitled to our personal opinion on such matters. Each group enjoys the autonomy regarding what AA literature they do or don't use in their meetings. As usual, spirited debate arises first among those of us who are most outspoken. Some are focused on the preservation of something incredibly familiar and dear, and believe the recently approved change is entirely unnecessary. Others

insist that the revision is a step toward greater inclusion.

How could we possibly weigh these two things "against" each other? Can anyone here really say that the preservation of a time-tested piece of literature is "more" important than an alcoholic feeling welcome and included in AA? Or vice versa? Both seem vitally important.

Our experience suggests that the path forward will become clear when the initial burst of talking encounters a healthy dose of listening. In a world that is often polarized by differing opinions, we in AA have been blessed by the necessity of unity. Quite simply, we must find our way through this most recent "crisis" together. The price for us, otherwise, isn't just division. It's destruction.

So let's have our spirited debates. And let's be as open to the ideas of others as we want them to be of ours. Let's practice that wonderful suggestion of "listening as if we have no opinion." Let's assume that the people in AA who see things differently love this fellowship just as much as we do.

Each of us has had our run with stubbornness and self-certainty. It damn near killed us individually. But we survived that. And if we're willing to listen with our hearts and respect the spirit of those with whom we disagree, we'll survive this too. Together.

Jim M. - Chair

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"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first.

But individual welfare follows close afterward."

—Tradition One (Long Form)

NIGHTBOOK CHAIR'S CORNER

WHAT IS THE NIGHTBOOK?

I remember sitting in my home group a few years back and someone announcing they were looking for volunteers to fill the "night book". A sheet was passed around and I wrote down my name and number as clearly as possible. I had no idea what I was signing up for, why I was even putting my info down, or what was even involved in this commitment. What I did know is that AA and the fellowship kept encouraging me to say yes when all I wanted was to say no. That answer was comfortable and most familiar to me. I had zero doubts or reservations about saying no to something new, something that held me accountable and something that gave me a sense of responsibility.

I was so used to believing that I cannot do something.

Thank goodness for the people who showed me I can by doing service and staying involved in my recovery! The Nightbook is an amazing opportunity to stay connected and be available for the person who is looking for help, our help. All that is suggested is 6 months of sobriety, a phone, and turning a No into a YES. We encourage all Nassau County A.A. Groups, whether you are back in person or on Zoom to get involved and sign up for a rewarding experience!

Thank you to the following groups and volunteers that have taken the hotline for the month of June! Massapequa Bottom Line, Young By The Beach, Gratitude Into Action, Extravagant Promises, and Gift Of Serenity.

A special Thank You to Karen, formerly our Nightbook Chair, who shared so much of her time and efforts into this commitment for the past 2 years. She is continuing to do service by becoming our next Literature Chair! She has helped me tremendously in taking on my new position as your Nightbook Chair.

Please email me to sign up your group or if you have any questions:

nightbook@nassauny-aa.org

With love & gratitude,

Luisa, Nightbook Chair



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TREASURER'S CORNER

Tradition Seven

Recovery in the AA program enabled me to finally handle my money responsibly. I could make all kinds of budgets and plans but I would never honestly factor in my cravings which would be the ruin of my plans every time. I could be self-supporting once I realized what my true needs were financially.

The pandemic has changed my finances again. I no longer travel, go to shows or dine out as often. I am fortunate to still be working and I am happy to be returning to live meetings again. The introduction of Zoom to our fellowship has been a lifesaver at times for many of us; for others who were not making face to face meetings it expanded the options they have and is here to stay.

Whichever method or combination of methods we use to attend meetings, the fellowship remains self-supported. Thank you to all of the groups and individuals that continue to send in contributions to the intergroup office. Though many groups have not had to pay rent for months, the office has hosted the phone and web systems continuously.

Support comes in many forms. Besides financial contributions which can be made by any AA member using instructions found here: <https://www.nassauny-aa.org/Docs/7thTradition.html>, literature purchases from our office support additional programs and services, and last but definitely not least the contribution of time. Volunteers are needed for several positions at the intergroup office including Speaker Exchange Chair, Assistant Treasurer, 12 Step List Coordinator,

Cooperation with the Professional Community chair, Picnic planning, and Big Meeting planning.

If this sounds like a lot, try attending a Reps meeting to start. Our fellowship works best when every group has a representative at the monthly meeting held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. It is at these meetings where we learn the true needs of our fellowship as we continue on this journey of change.

SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR'S DESK

7th TRADITION: Service it Provides

Self support through our own contributions. Contribution: the part played by a person or thing in bringing about a result or helping something to advance.

Not why we need your money? Let me try to educate and explain the importance of the 7th tradition regarding our use of the contributions from individuals and groups. We have a aanassaugs-ny.org website that cost yearly fees. We receive contribution envelopes at our county post office box. We pay rental fees to the General Post Office. Our treasurer sends a thank you letter for the groups contribution and puts a stamp on it. We recently went virtual on Zoom. That costs money. We purchase (2) 2-year [Grapevine](#) subscriptions for our Standing Committees to use.

Our county budget encourages support for your Standing Committee Chairs to be able to participate at SENY Committee meetings. Also, to travel to their workshops, seminars or

conferences. Most of these are outside New York State. We approve their proposed budget, registration fee, hotel accommodations, meals and travel expenses.

We encourage GSRs to participate at forums, [NERAASA](#) and the [New York State Informational Workshop](#) and budget for 2 GSRs, for the registration fee, hotel accommodations, meals and travel expenses. We ask for receipts and to give us an informed report at the next Reps meeting. The contributions support these service opportunities. We also purchase [AA Service Manuals](#) that provide vital information for GSRs. We provide other service pamphlets for the GSR orientation. We encourage support at [SENY](#) Assemblies. We reimburse a GSR for tolls & gas. Read in the AA Service Manual or [SENY Handbook](#) Pg.7 "the purpose of a GSR". Contributions support the DCMCs' travel to carry the conscience of the county and to give our county report and to inform the reps what is going on outside Nassau County in Area 49 and beyond.

Stir up Discussion or read this article at your home group announcements or discuss at your groups business meeting the need to support the 7th tradition entities.

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DCMC Nassau County Elect

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JULY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

In the February newsletter we examined the Long Form of Tradition Seven,

"The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority". (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 190-191.)

and noted,

The long form conveys the depth of co-founder Bill W.'s experience and thinking on finance in AA, and it's interesting to note Bill's movement from soliciting money for young AA from the Rockefeller organization to fund AA branded hospitals and missionaries to where he comes to stand on the matter of self-support by the time he publishes his seminal overview essay, "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition," in the Grapevine, April 1946.

The long form of the Traditions are drawn from Bill's original 1946 article referenced above, and are a go to source (along with the companion articles he subsequently

published on each Tradition now found collected in [Language of the Heart](#)) when we choose to consider our course on matters of principle at any level of the Fellowship. They come out of early AA experience, both good and bad, and are now time tested. (The long form of each Tradition will appear at the end of each Tradition essay in the "Twelve and Twelve" as that book is reprinted. See, [Conference Advisory Action #23](#).)

Another good reference for groups and members is the pamphlet, [The AA Group Treasurer](#) (F-96). It covers many topics including choosing a treasurer, passing the basket, safeguarding the money, paying bills, and prudent reserve among others. Print copies are available complimentary in the Intergroup office.

In other matters, back from this year's General Service Conference we have the following on finance: Concerning the pie charts in the pamphlet Self-Support (F-3), the word "SAMPLE" will be added to the charts on page 13, and language will be added after the GSO section on page 7 to clarify variable forms of service activity locally, and on page 13 under "Where should I send contributions?" language will be added suggesting members and groups inquire about local service activities when considering making contribution along the service structure (see [Advisory Actions #12 and 13](#)). Following consideration, no action was taken on the following [Agenda](#) items: Concerning the possibility of "the selling of our books at cost or less" as discussed in "Concept XII, Warranty 2" (Twelve Concepts for World Service, page 65),

in light of varied Fellowship experience and practice in this matter, no change to the Warranty seemed needed (Agenda Item #IV, D);" concerning the allowed contribution levels for individual members (\$5,000) and member bequests (\$10,000), these levels seem still appropriate (Agenda Item #IV, F and G); concerning AA's use of Google Grants, the grants are an acceptable discount insofar as they are provided not only to AA but to all non-profits (Agenda Item #IV, H). (An inquiry has been forwarded asking about access to the report, "Google Grants and the Seventh Tradition" which was reviewed by the Conference Finance Committee in this regard. It appears the Conference declined to consider a Floor Action requesting release of the report, so we may not be able to see it.)

Closer to home, Intergroup's Financial Review Committee is continuing its work on the draft Purchasing Guidelines workbook which will be presented to the Steering Committee and then the Reps for consideration probably later this year. The guidelines are intended to firm up a consistent and responsible handing of Intergroup's spending and record keeping practices consistent with its obligations as a non-profit corporate entity in the State and as a 501(c)(4) entity with the IRS.

Visit the Intergroup [website](#) for shared experience and resources on "Practicing the 7th Tradition" on the ["Contributions"](#) page.

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Literature— More on the Preamble and Big Book

This year's General Service Conference produced an Advisory Action (see [Advisory Action #4](#)) approved by the boards of both the Grapevine and General Service to amend the ubiquitous [AA Preamble](#). The final revision changes just the opening sentence of the Preamble to read, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share . . ." We will see the changed Preamble in AA literature starting with the July Grapevine and La Viña magazines. It will show up in all the other places the Preamble appears both digitally and in print from AA World Services (AAWS) and AA Grapevine as things are updated, developed or reprinted.

The road to a changed Preamble may seem short to some, but the fact is this matter has been under discussion throughout the Fellowship for some time. As copyright holder on the Preamble, the decision to amend it legally belonged to the [AA Grapevine](#), but, respecting "Tradition Four" (autonomy of action at every Fellowship level "except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole"), the matter was placed

before the General Service Conference as clearly any change would impact AA at every level. That consultation concluded with the Advisory Action for the above change.

For some members, the amendment of the Preamble was an urgently needed accommodation, one of many AA has made over the years, broadening the doorway into AA. For others, the change was an undesirable surrender of long held practice possibly leading to a slippery slope unsettling and undermining program practice and unity. Some are joyful, others fearful or angry. I'm guessing that most members fall somewhere between those views, comfortable or uncomfortable, certain or uncertain, hopeful or anxious, or perhaps simply confused or curious.

What follows now will likely be a period of individual, group and service group (Intergroup included) soul searching as we are confronted with the question of adopting or not the amended Preamble for local use. Some will see this as a positive opportunity to explore the group conscience. Others may see a needless exercise or a threat to Fellowship unity.

Members are encouraged to be a part of those conversations where they go forward.

Another action of this year's Conference (#28), and one likely to draw considerable attention down the line similar to that drawn by the Preamble discussion, was that "a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible . . ." What this "plain and simple language" edition will look like remains to be seen, and it will probably be a while in development (a process moving back and forth between the Trustees, AAWS and the Conference) before we even get a hint. A draft or progress report will be delivered to each subsequent Conference Literature Committee until a "final" draft is available for Fellowship consideration.

Some are seeing the mandate in this Advisory Action as being quite narrow addressing simply the reading level of the book (for a good discussion on the book's "accessibility" including reading level, go to the [report](#) prepared for the 70th Conference on the matter and

LITERATURE CHAIR'S CORNER CONTNUED...

enter the passcode, RIPTAB2020), but the language of the Advisory Action seems to leave open the door to addressing additional issues some have raised with the book including outdated language and references and the dominance of the masculine pronoun and perspective in the text among other concerns.

No doubt the effort to develop a “plain and simple language” edition of Alcoholics Anonymous will bring up some of the same possibilities and pitfalls in the minds of individual members discussed above with the Preamble. (Only groups with an active GSR will have any real say in where this goes.) It should be noted too this simple language edition is not intended to replace the existing “Big Book” which at the same time will go into a fifth edition (#16) which will drop and add personal stories in the second part of the book. Watch for a call for the submission of stories for the new edition.

Yet another Advisory Action (#19) amends the text in the essay in the “Twelve and Twelve” on Step Six (page 66) from, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health,” to

read, “No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.” A similar action (#18) on Step Twelve (page 117) replaces the phrase “compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex . . .” with the phrase “compelling desire to find a partner . . .”

Other [Advisory Actions](#) and [Committee Considerations](#) concerning literature and other matters also came out of the Conference along with a short report of [Recommendations Not Resulting in Advisory Actions](#). Watch for the full 71st Conference Report probably later this summer in both digital and print editions. (Watch the [From the Delegate](#) page on our area’s [website](#).)

Closer to home, the Intergroup office is open for literature sales daily, but phone ahead (516-292-3045) before coming in as we don’t have volunteers reliably covering every day and shift. (If phoning in, make sure you’re talking to someone actually in the office, and not just on the phone via call forwarding.) At this time too, COVID-related precautions remain in place when coming in to the office including requests to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing in the office. Watch our [website](#) for

changes to these practices as they develop. Everyone’s cooperation is appreciated.

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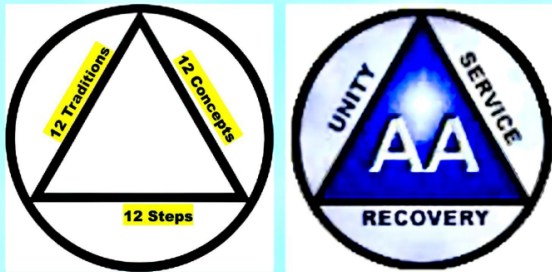
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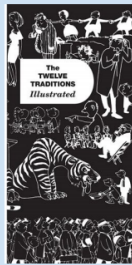
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IAN Monthly Tradition Workshops

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**The SECOND SUNDAY
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**Zoom Meeting ID: 554-670-5146
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Are you intimidated by or just not necessarily interested when talk in the rooms turns to the Traditions of AA? Or maybe just unfamiliar with their meaning and purpose within our Fellowship? Many of us have felt the same way. As important as they are to AA's continued efforts, discussion of them can often seem technical or "dry".

Intergroup Association of Nassau hosts a monthly Traditions Workshop that not only spends an hour or more discussing the Tradition for the given month, but

since its pre-virtual-era inception has done so in a significantly lighter, but no less serious way.

Instead of just "going around the room" reading the tradition from the "12 and 12", we've chosen to use the Illustrated Traditions pamphlet, which is more concise and features artwork and captions which are informative and "humorous" at the same time.

This approach lends itself to livelier, somewhat more informal sessions than many of the

Tradition "Meetings" we may have been accustomed to. Those meetings are extremely valuable and encouraged. These monthly Workshops are designed to enhance our understanding of the Traditions and supplement what we learn about the Traditions throughout our journeys.

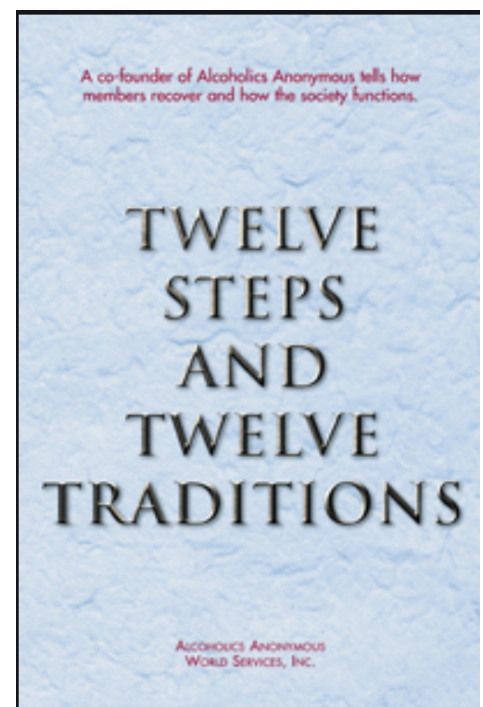
It is our hope that attendees, especially those less familiar with the Traditions, come away from these workshops with new understanding and increased enthusiasm toward them (the traditions.)

The Workshops are held (virtually for now) on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 10 am.

The Zoom information is as follows:

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Meeting List Changes:

The following Meetings have been added or changed in the Meeting Finder (and by extension, the Meeting Guide App), the Virtual Meeting list on our Website or both, where applicable:

Bayville Triangle

Sober Network

Massapequa - Bottom Line

Oceanside - Gratitude Into Action

Oceanside - Changing Times

Levittown - Instrument Group

Plainview - Reflections

Merrick / Bellmore

Farmingdale Group

Farmingdale Group - Women's

Oceanside - One Day at a Time

Roosevelt - We Care

Wantagh - Luftberry Second Chance

Wantagh - Live and Let Live

Mineola - Gratitude

Malverne - Sobriety Without End

Bellmore - No Frills

The meeting finder can be found [here](#). It will reflect the most accurate information. Please help to keep the meeting lists current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes Form" whenever your meeting details change. That form can be found [here](#).

Our Purpose

As we say in our meeting books (and more formally in our ByLaws):

Declaration of Purpose:

Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous is an all volunteer organization formed by the AA groups in Nassau County to serve all groups and meetings in Nassau county.

In order to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still sick and suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the fellowship, Nassau InterGroup, in accordance with AA's 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of World Service, has as its primary purpose:

- to have all telephone inquiries answered by a recovering alcoholic. The Nassau InterGroup HotLine number will be listed in the Nassau telephone directory. Meeting information and 12 step referrals will be made from all Nassau area groups that have provided up-to-date information.
- publish and distribute at regular intervals up-to-date directories of group meetings in Nassau county.
- publish and distribute a monthly newsletter.
- provide for quarterly group exchange meetings at which groups may exchange meetings with other groups.
- provide for monthly institutions committee meetings at which groups may arrange to participate in "inside" meetings.
- conduct monthly business meetings to address any group concerns and intergroup business.

Yours in love and service,
Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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