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Tradition Nine

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Great suffering and great love are A.A.'s disciplinarians; we need no others.

It is clear now that we ought never to name boards to govern us, but it is equally clear that we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us. It is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service, two concepts which are sometimes poles apart. It is in this spirit of service that we elect the A.A. group's informal rotating committee, the intergroup association for the area, and the General Service Conferences of Alcoholics Anonymous for A.A. as a whole. Even our Foundation, once an independent board, is today directly accountable to our Fellowship. Its trustees are the caretakers



and expeditors of our world services.

Just as the aim of each A.A. member is personal sobriety, the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it. If nobody does the group's chores, if the area's telephone rings

unanswered, if we do not reply to our mail, then A.A. as we know it would stop. Our communications lines with those who need our help would be broken.

A.A. has to function, but at the same time it must avoid those dangers of great wealth, prestige, and entrenched power which necessarily tempt other societies. Though Tradition Nine at first sight seems to deal with a purely practical matter, in its actual operation it discloses a society without organization, animated only by the spirit of service—a true fellowship.

Twelve and Twelve

Tradition Nine—Long Form

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General

Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integ-

rity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

HCIA Workshop: “How to do a Group Inventory”

Nov.13th, 2010 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
at the Wimberley Group
located at 16933 Ranch Road 12
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Refreshments provided !

District 13 Workshop: “Traditions 1,2 &3”

NOVEMBER 7, 2010 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
1101 Bluebonnet (near HEB) in Marble Falls
Use north entrance – door by the playground

District 29 Workshop: “Anonymity– the Internet & Social Networking Sites”

NOVEMBER 14TH, 3:00 PM
ON THE COLORADO (OTC) GROUP
530 West Loop 230
Smithville, TX

TXSCYPAA 30

“Strength Arising Out of Complete Defeat...”
October 29th -- 31st 2010
Crowne Plaza at Reliant Park
8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, Texas 77054
Register or book rooms online at:
<http://www.txscypaaxx.org>

August Birthdays!

Cullen L. – Bellevue, WA

2 years

Phillip McK – A Way Out

1 year

Katy Q. – Northland

27 years



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September Birthdays!

Darrin A. – Allandale

7 years

Join the Birthday Club
Get an ID Card and have your
Birthday Printed Here!

Want to do something for Austin AA ???

MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO
THE HILL COUNTRY INTERGROUP !!

WE'RE WORKING TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY FOR YOU !

What HCI does for the Austin Area AA Community:

1. Operates a 24 Hour Hotline which:

A) Provides information regarding AA meetings, conferences and other events of interest, at the local, state, national and international levels.

B) Provides information on other Twelve Step Programs, as well as inpatient and outpatient treatment programs, on a referral basis.

C) Provides local twelfth step referrals to AA members who have volunteered for this type of service work.

2. Provides opportunities for office volunteers who:

D) Merchandise and sell AA and AA related literature, anniversary medallions, and other recovery paraphernalia.

E) Assist AA groups and other local entities in procuring speakers for various functions and events in the local community.

F) Publish a monthly newsletter for the Austin area AA community.

3. Provides a meeting place for Intergroup Representatives, Board of Trustees, and various District Committees, to include Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities, and Archives.

4. Funds and coordinates all activities related to the planning, scheduling and operation of the Anniversary of AA in Austin, Texas, and other affairs such as the Old Timer's Banquet.

5. Maintains a website containing a variety of information regarding services, meetings, upcoming events and available community resources.

What does HCIA need from the AA groups and individual members?

1. Volunteers. Volunteer to work in the Intergroup office, or to answer the phone during off-shift hours, 7:00 PM to 8:00 AM (phones are forwarded to AA members' home or cell phone by remote access every night). To volunteer call 512-444-0071 or 512-444-7586.

2. Donations. Intergroup needs regular donations from the local AA groups and individual AA members to survive. Currently only 30% of the groups on the meeting schedule are donating to HCIA. AA guidelines suggest that 50% of a group's surplus should be donated to Intergroup, with the balance split between GSO, District, and Area Committee.