

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2016

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Steve N.
Treasurer – Jen B.
Secretary – P. J. O.
Accessibilities Service Coordinator – John H.
Archives Service Coordinator - Denis S.
Corrections Service Coordinator (Men’s) – Bob M.
Intergroup Liaison – Dean B.
Public Information Service Coordinator – Janet B.
Technology Service Coordinator – Rich M.
Treatment Service Coordinator – Rich M.

GSR’s/Alt. GSR’s and Visitors present at meeting:

Sue C. - GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. - GSR, Crystal River Group
Sandy H. - GSR, First Thought Wrong Group
Steve N. - GSR, Freedom House Group
Rich M. - GSR, No Name Group
Tammy P. – GSR, Rainbow Group
John M.- GSR, Resentment Group
John H. – GSR. Sober Nooners Group
Dean B. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Lacey E. - Alt. GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Linda A. – Alt. GSR, Women’s Friendship Group
P. J. O. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors: Shana D., Crystal River Group; Lynn D., Crystal River Group

Welcome by DCM:

Steve N., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement

Recognition of New GSRs: John Murray, GSR, Resentment Group.

Roll Call: Secretary P. J. O. took roll call and Minutes. DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer and Secretary were present and 11 groups were represented.

Secretary’s Report: P. J. O.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the September, 2016 meeting, which were approved upon motion and second.

Treasurer’s Report: Jen B.

Jen presented the final report through the end of September, 2016, consisting of the Income and Expense Sheet and Contribution Report; copies were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$3708.95; income from contributions, 7th Tradition collections and Pink Can donations in the amount of \$191.00; expenses of \$973.78,

and an ending balance of \$2926.17. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report for September was accepted.

Jen also presented a preliminary summary of the monthly report for the month of October, which included some significant contributions and income from Pink Can contributions.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Committee: Denis S.

This month we had the privilege of presenting the history of District 28 at the Area Assembly in Gainesville. DCM Steve N. displayed a very interesting PowerPoint sequence of images from all around the district, all the while protecting anonymity. Long-timers Dick M. and Gus B. spoke of times past when meetings were scarce and it was more difficult to access the fellowship than it is today. Archivist Denis S. said that nowadays, District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup work closely together to provide support equal to any in the world. Feedback from those who serve at Area level was very favorable and was an encouragement to us all.

Denis also noted that his term as District Archivist was coming to an end. Steve complimented Denis on his great work as Archivist and said that he expected be Denis to be appointed as NCI Liaison to District 28.

Accessibilities Committee: John H.

John reported that he is in the process of preparing an email to all of the home groups to ask if their meeting place is accessible. He asked that the groups respond and let him know if the group in question can be listed as accessible. Also, send him updates the group contact information if there have been any changes.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: No report. DCM Steve commented that the on-line training program that Lina and the Committee prepared this year has received many good reviews and gets a lot of hits on our site; is very popular. It also gets a lot of hits from law enforcement agencies in Citrus County and from agencies in other parts of the state.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

This was a month of re-stocking Where and When's in most of our sites, with the exception of the West Central Florida Driver Improvement. They were close to running out.

I stopped at the Lighthouse, which is an offshoot of The Centers. They have no clients who use our services at this time, but they keep our Schedules on hand.

The Inverness Chamber of Commerce people are so nice. They keep extra Where and When's in a drawer just in case we run low. Crystal River Chamber of Commerce, at the Non-Welcome Center, keeps throwing them out. I have tried 4 or 5 times, so last week I left only five.

The lobby at the HCA auditorium has always been a spot for our schedules. They were gone this past week and the rack was full of substance abuse material. Ironically, this is the rack that we gave them from the Court Alternative Program, and it is full of NA. However, we do have two spots out of nine and as soon as I see them empty I will I put things in there.

Janet was complimented by the DCM for her good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B.

P.I. Service Coordinator

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Bob reported that the meetings are going very well. There is good attendance and participation, and they have some literature. I have one other guy going in with me. I have been working to keep the good working relationship with the Corrections director. We have been holding one meeting per week, with attendance of about 20 people, ten for each one of us who can come in.

Women's Corrections Committee: No report. However, Bob reported that Women's Corrections is active as well, and gives out a lot of literature.

Grapevine Committee: Paula D.

Paula has been in contact with us, apologized for not being able to attend the meeting, and advised that she has nothing new to report this month.

Literature Committee: Lisa B.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA as the district Literature Chairperson. We have been continuing to read through, study and become ever more familiar with the inspired AA Literature. Otherwise there has been no activity for October. Thank you for allowing me to serve as a part of our district service structure.

Treatment Committee: Rich M.

The ladies meeting Sunday nights at the Lecanto Centers continues to go well, but we are always looking for more help. There are currently 15 women at the Centers and they have latched on to AA concepts pretty well. There are two other meetings besides ours. Our meetings are on Sunday at 6:30. We do need additional literature.

In service, Lynn D. and Rich M.

NCI Liaison: Dean B. The minutes of the October NCI meeting are as follows:

CHAIRPERSON Rick T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

JEN B. took a roll call and the following groups were represented: Attitude Adjustment, Crystal River, Freedom House, Holder Way of Life, Keep in Step, Monday Night Men's Step, No Name Group, Old Firehouse, Sober Sandgnats, Women to Women, and Women's Friendship. A total of 11 groups were present with 16 people in total.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES: No new representatives.

SECRETARY: Jen B. read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

TREASURER: Paige read the final report for September 2016 showing a beginning balance of \$2590.32 an ending balance of \$3126.52. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The October Preliminary was presented and final numbers will be out for the next meeting.

TRUSTEES: Sandy said she didn't have much to report except that many are excited about the Gratitude Dinner. Janet had nothing to report. Denis, who is also the archivist for District 28, mentioned that one of the things they talked about at Area was how well NCI cooperates with District, for example the hotline and events. He said Area was very happy there is this cooperation. Bill has surrendered to the idea of finding a new place to move to.

HOTLINE: Women to Women reported 73 calls, 56 meeting info and directions, three 12 step calls, a few active alcoholics who wanted to talk, 2 no show meetings September 26th and September 28th. Monday night Yana meeting that moved to the 1st Baptist and Wednesday night women's meeting moved to the Presbyterian Church, no one showed. A few missed calls per still trying to figure out the phone. Monday night Men's meeting will take the phone for November. They also updated the 12th step call list and all meeting lists are current as of October.

WEBMASTER: Steve N., Webmaster, reported 2257 visits, 925 unique visitors. 4495 pages or 2 pages per visit. The average time on site was 128 seconds. The top pages visited in order were; general meetings, meetings by location, meetings by day (Monday, Sunday, Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday), Calendar, Journal, Minutes, District, Young people in AA, What's a Meeting like, contact us. The top downloads were: Where and When, workshop topic, responsibility statement, journal, legacies, traditions.mp4, Gratitude Dinner flyer, meet and greet, contributions, archive journals, audio Big Book. 42% of our users from a desktop, 51% from phones.

JOURNAL: Lynn said thanks to those who provided articles, being Denis, Paula and Dean. It's great to have local people to contribute instead of just pulling articles from the Grapevine. Need the next two months of anniversaries by November 20th.

EVENTS: Lynn D. said all is in place for the Gratitude Dinner, just need to do the shopping. The Gratitude dinner is Sunday. The longtime speaker's meeting will be December 1st.

ALTERNATE Chairperson Report: Steve N. said at this point we shouldn't change the location but we will look at change what day of the month we meet.

CHAIRPERSON: Rick said he can finally hear again and is glad to be back in the hot seat.

NEW BUSINESS: Yana Club in Crystal River is currently not having meetings at the Clubhouse due to the storm; the building still needs repairs. A sign needs to go up on the building to explain this and not just redirect people to the office. It was advised that the YPG meeting on Friday night in Inverness was not open on October 28th. Meeting for November is either going to be the 13th or the 20th and that has not been finalized. The group decided to have the November 20th and December 11th. It was moved and accepted that District 28 will co-chair the Longtime Speaker's Meeting on December 1, 2016. The Holiday Alc-a-thons will be held in two locations this year, at Club Recovery and The Serenity Club. They will be hosted by the groups that meet in them. Sandy H., Crystal River Group GSR, advised that the Serenity Club is hosting a free Christmas Eve Dinner as a way to give back to the groups. The Christmas Alc-a-thon will be hosted by the Crystal River River Group. The Resentment, The Sober Nooners and the First Thought Wrong Groups will host an Alc-a-thon at Club Recovery for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Paige brought up a motion that a Longtime Speaker Meetings proceeds go to the District as there is very little ability to fundraise. District 28 is dependent mostly on 7th tradition money. The subject was discussed and clarified that the proceeds will clearly be after expenses. The motion was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: A special meeting was held to change Structures and Guidelines to add the position of Alternate Treasurer. It was discussed, voted and accepted. The new position will begin January 1, 2017. An election of Intergroup Officers and Trustees was held. Here are the results:

Chair-Steve N.

Alt. Chair-Dean B.

Secretary-Lorraine T.

Treasurer-Paige B.

Trustee, 1 year-Janet B.

Trustee, 2 year-Sandy H., Bill M.

Two positions remain open: Alternate Secretary and Alternate Treasurer.

Lynn D. was appointed Events Chair, Jen B. will serve as Journal Editor beginning in February of 2017. The Hotline Chair and Website Chair positions remain unfilled.

A MOTION TO CLOSE WAS ACCEPTED.

Thank you for trusting me with this position.

Dean B.

Workshop Committee: No report. DCM Steve reported that the recent workshop on Chairing and Sharing at Meetings was very well attended and went very well. Jay had organized the format and seating in a way that facilitated participation by everyone during the course of the workshop. Everyone seemed to enjoy this approach.

Technology Committee: Rich M.

Rich advised that he did not have a report to present but would yield his time to Steve for the Website report.

Website Committee: Steve N.

District 28 Website Report October 2016

698 visits were made to the site with 593 unique individuals visiting the site this month viewing 1696 pages or 2.5 pages per visit.

The top pages visited in order were: (1) Training/video, (2) Training/voice over, (3) Flyers (in order - State Convention, Gratitude Dinner, Chairing a Meeting Workshop, and Girlstock), (4) calendar.html, meetings.html (by order of location - Inverness, Crystal River, Inglis, Holder, Floral City, Homosassa) (By day order: Sunday, Saturday, Wednesday, Friday, Tuesday), (5) Where and When, (6) About us, (7) contact us, (8) archives (9) inks, (10) Redirect to NFAC.

Steve also advised that Rich would join with him and learn the Webmaster duties.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N., District Webmaster

Alt. DCM: Paige B.

My name is Paige and I am an alcoholic who has the privilege of serving District 28 as an Alternate DCM and its Where and When Chair.

The next printing of the Where and When is planned for January of 2017. Anyone with change information may send it to floridadistrict28@gmail.com. A reminder; the most up to date meeting information is always available online.

The next Area 14 Assembly, in Gainesville, is scheduled for January 2017. Rooms will be reserved. Please let P. J. or me know if you plan to attend at floridadistrict28@gmail.com. District 28 Archives presented our district's history at the Area Assembly in Gainesville earlier this month. Steve N. and Denis S. hosted the presentation which featured Gus B. and Dick M. sharing their memories of AA in the county years ago. Steve presented a fabulous Powerpoint program with images of many AA meeting rooms from District 28.

Chairing and Sharing, How to Chair a meeting workshop was a tremendous success. The approximately 40 members who attended the Saturday morning event enjoyed and participated in a well prepared and highly informative discussion on many aspects of chairing and sharing at meetings in light of the Traditions and common practices.

In December, from the 2nd through the 4th, the 2016 Southeast Regional Forum will take place in Orlando at the Marriott in Lake Mary, FL. There is no charge to attend regional forums.

You can always register on-site. To register on-line go to www.aa.org, click on, "For AA Members." All who register will receive a Final Forum Report. GSO requests pre-registration where possible to support event preparation. Meals and lodging are "On your own." The Lake Mary Marriott is offering a special group rate of \$129.00 per night. The group code is SERF.

The deadline to take advantage of the group rate is November 14, 2016. For more information including a tentative schedule of events, a flyer will be available at the monthly service meetings and on our district and intergroup websites.

Respectfully submitted,

DCM: Steve N.

DCM Report October 2016

I was pleased that several GSR's, Alt DCM and Alt GSR's attended the October meeting of North Florida Area of A.A. We had nine votes of the 168 votes present. At the Saturday business meeting it was announce AA General Service is in the black for this year. The Area is also in excellent shape financially with a balance of \$88,884.85 which is about \$30,000 over prudent reserve.

Four motions out of finance were passed unanimously. A budget of proposed income of \$51,200 (\$45,000 from group contributions) and expenditures of \$52,151.25 for a loss budget of -\$951.25 which will be covered by the overage in prudent reserve. The other motions corrected the budget.

The highlight of Saturday during the day was the Archives presentation by Denis S., Gus B. and Dick M. The history of Citrus County (District 28) AA was well presented and received excellent reviews from all that I spoke with. Thank these District 28 members for their great efforts and stories.

I also attended the DCM workshop and the Website Committee meeting where I presented several reports. I also submitted to the web chair a copy of my service resume to be chair of the Area website committee and later submitted the same resume to the newly elect NFAC chairperson. I am pleased to announce that later in the week I was appointed Website Committee Chair for the next two years of panel 67.

The Sunday morning elections included the following:

Trustee at Large: Tom G. was the only one to stand and was elected unanimously by acclamation.

Southeastern Regional Trustee: Cecelia R. was the only one to stand and was elected unanimously by acclamation.

Delegate Area 14: Joyce C. and Stephen R. stood and Joyce C. won on the first ballot 177 - 24.

Alt Delegate Area 14: Annette D., Stephen R., Vivian F. and Heather V. all stood. No one received 2/3 majority on the first ballot. On the second ballot Stephen R. and Vivian F. received less than 1/5 and were dropped. On the third ballot and on the 4th ballot neither Annette nor Heather received a 2/3 majority. The election went to the hat and Heather won.

Chair Area 14: Bill C., Richard C., Stephen R. and Annette D. stood. On the first ballot no one received a 2/3 majority. On the second ballot Stephen R. and Richard C. received less than 1/5 of the vote and were dropped. Annette received over 2/3 of the vote and was elected.

Alt Chair Area 14: Clark M., Richard C. and Stephen R. stood. No one received 2/3 vote on the first ballot. Clark received less than 1/5 of the vote on the second ballot and was dropped.

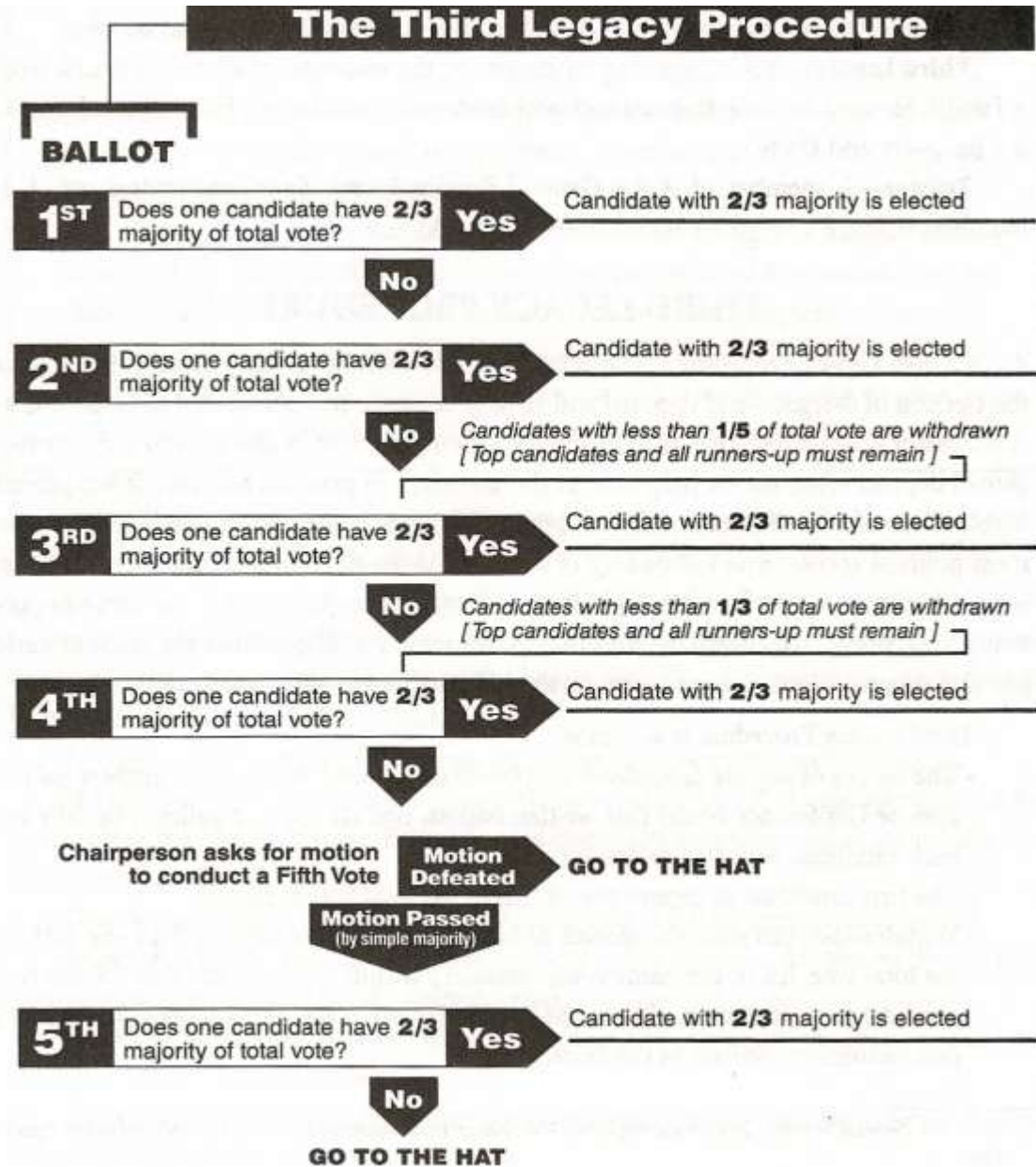
Richard C. received a 2.3 majority vote on the third ballot and was elected.

Secretary Area 14: Lori P., Carl G. and Michael H. stood. No one received a 2/3 majority on the first ballot. On the second ballot Lori received a 2/3 majority and was elected.

Treasurer Area 14: Terri Lynn S. and Chris P. stood. Terri Lynn achieved a 2/3 majority on the first ballot and won.

Registrar Area 14: Mark A., Stephen R., Vicki, and Carl G. stood. No one received a 2/3 majority on the first ballot. Vicki and Carl received less than 1/5 on the second ballot and were eliminated. Stephen R. received a 2/3 majority and was elected on the third ballot.

For those unfamiliar with the third legacy procedure described in the above election please refer to the following chart from p. 22 of the AA Service Manual:



Thank you for allowing me to serve,
 Steve N.
 DCM District 28

Old Business: There was nothing on the Agenda and nothing presented from the floor.

New Business: Steve presented several items

The first thing to talk about is a change in the meeting date. To do so we will need a motion, a second and then a motion to table the issue. This process would be required because the change affects the Structures and Guidelines, which presently calls for meetings on the last Sunday of the month. We will be recommending a change to the second Sunday. The principal reasons for the change are that it would make the presentation of the monthly reports by the Treasurer easier, as there would be always be a full month without much overlap and, second, it would avoid most of the major holidays, which tend to fall later in the month. Nature Coast Intergroup will want to change its meeting date to conform to ours, but it isn't so much of a problem for them in that their Structures and Guidelines do not address this point. A motion to move the District 28 meeting date to the second Sunday of each month was then made and seconded, after which a motion was made to table that motion was made. The motion to table was then passed.

A committee needs to be established to review our Structures and Guidelines with a view toward conforming them, or our current practices, to our present needs. Steve asked that a committee be appointed which would include Janet B. and two other volunteers. P. J. and Sue C. volunteered to serve on the committee and, at Steve's request, P. J. agreed to serve as Chair. He was asked by Steve to organize the committee and since P. J. would be Alternate DCM, this would fit right in with his job duties.

Steve announced that the Nature Coast Intergroup had voted to ask District 28 to co-sponsor the upcoming Old-Timers Speaker meeting on December 1 and to give District 28 the after-expense profit. District would not be responsible for any part of the expenses if there was no profit, but this is not really an issue as there has never been a loss on those events. We basically co-sponsor three events with NCI, none of which are dances or social events. We co-sponsor the Gratitude Dinner, the Founders' Day Breakfast and the two Old-Timers Speaker events. A motion was then made and seconded that District 28 co-sponsor the forthcoming Old-Timers Speaker meeting, which motion was then passed. Our two organizations have very good co-operation and this will continue with the next panel.

I extend my thanks to Paige, P.J. and Jen for the Trusted Servants meetings that we have each month to prepare the District 28 agenda. We recently had a discussion about the alcohons, which have been sponsored recently by Club Recovery and the Serenity Club. The discussion was to the effect that District should not participate in sponsoring the alcohons. The two locations pretty much cover the entire county geographically, and our thinking was that the organization of alcohons should be left to the home groups. Steve then asked for input from those in attendance. Sandy H. (I) pointed out that the events were at the clubs last year and everyone had a great time. People went back and forth between events on New Year's Eve. Sandy H. (II) said it should be clarified that Club Recovery does not sponsor the alcohons held there, the groups are the sponsors. The Club just allows them to use their facility. Between the Sober Nooners, First Thought Wrong and the Resentment groups, we are doing the events on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years this year. First Thought Wrong did Memorial Day and 4th of July earlier this year. We will try to do more holidays. Sandy (I) noted that Serenity Club works the same way; the Crystal River group sponsors the event but uses the Serenity Club facility. Steve said that District and NCI will go ahead and promote the events for the groups but we all know that the clubs are separate entities and not part of the AA structure. The clubs are nevertheless an important to AA and provide a valuable service. John H. pointed out that the

clubs do a lot to help AA carry the message. There is a difference between being a member of the Club and being a member of a home group, but you can come to meetings there even if you are not a member of the Club.

Steve's last item of new business was a proposal that District 28 reimburse Gus B. and Dick M. for their travel expenses in coming to the Assembly and giving talks during the District 28 Archives presentation. There is money in the budget to cover this because some of the Committee Chairs did not attend and don't have to be reimbursed. A motion was made that Gus and Dick be reimbursed for their travel, the same stipend that is paid to Committee Chairs, \$65. The motion was seconded and passed.

There was no new business raised from the floor.

Announcements.

A Trick or Treat Party sponsored by First Thought Wrong would be held immediately after the District meeting tonight.

The annual Gratitude Dinner will be next Sunday, November 6, at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Inverness.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

AA Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really *is* an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept Ten: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

--Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

--Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.?
Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority?"