



AA Area 73 District 11 Newsletter

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West Virginia – Wild, Wonderful, and Sober

Grapevine Corner

“Right actions in the future are the best apologies for bad actions in the past.” - Tryon Edwards

“Few things accelerate the peace process as much as humbly admitting our own wrongdoing and asking for-giveness.” - Lee Strobel

“Admit your errors before someone else exaggerates them.” - Andrew Mason

“Never ruin an apology with an excuse.” - Benjamin Franklin

“Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” - Berean Standard Bible, John 8:32

“That's a spiritual lifestyle, being willing to admit that you don't know everything and that you were wrong about some things. It's about making a list of all the people you've harmed, either emotionally or physically or financially, and going back and making amends. That's a spiritual lifestyle. It's not a fluffy ethereal concept.”

- Anthony Kiedis (lead singer, Red Hot Chili Peppers)

It is really Spring, the daffodils are up and the robins are back en masse! Wonderful! The April Grapevine Magazine features Step Nine, making amends. Bill W. starts the chapter with, “Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence – these are the qualities we shall need when we take Stop Nine.”.

The features story titles, written by AA members as usual, are as follows: “The right thing to do”; “You never know”; “That wonderful sense of belonging”; “Way too soon”; “Truce”; “Come with me to the nudist colony”; “Out of my head!”; and “The way things are.”

I haven't read any of the stories yet. The magazine came today and I wanted to get my little part of the Newsletter written early. Some of those titles are quite juicy, to say the least. I hope you enjoy this month's issue. I almost always find some feature in the magazine that I either skipped over by accident or totally ignored. Then I think, “Hey, when did they put this in the magazine?”, only to find out it was always there, and apparently I wasn't.

To receive the Grapevine quote of the day, log on to www.aagrapevine.org and provide your email address at the end of the quote. Grapevine has started providing stories of the

4th Step

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

4th Tradition (short form)

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

4th Tradition (long form)

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

4th Concept

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

4th Promise

We will know peace.

4th Reward

Peace of mind instead of confusion

week in email which is another reason to sign up. While on the website you can subscribe to The Grapevine magazine, order books, and play with the sobriety calculator among other things.

Please don't forget to read At Wit's End which is near the end of the magazine. Grapevine and La Vina now have apps. Check out the various ways you can obtain an app for your phone by going to www.aagrapevine.org.

☆Also, every Monday is Grapevine's fun, half-hour Grapevine Podcast. It features jokes, interviews, and member sharing at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast. You can also follow Grapevine on Instagram at: [alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv)

Please seriously consider contributing one of your own experiences to our Newsletter. Your experience, strength and hope could turn a fellow alcoholic's life around. It doesn't need to be long and please don't be concerned about spelling and grammar. I'm not!

Email your story to Pam W. at AADistrict11@gmail.com. Thank you.

And finally:

More Headlines:

Again, the following headlines were actually printed in newspapers. The irony in some of these are absolutely astonishing, hilariously funny (though sometimes awkward)

- Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents
- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands
- Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms
- Enraged Cow Injures Farmer With Axe

**I have a lot of these so I'll print a few more next month.

Happy Spring!

Pat M.

"Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive." - Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

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AREA INFO

1. Here's some info for those wishing to make financial contributions:

- District 11
Make check payable to
District 11
PO Box 1831, Martinsburg WV 25402
- Area Contribution:
Make check payable to
Area 73
PO Box 461, Morgantown WV 26507-0461

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- General Service Office contribution:
Make check payable to
GSO
Po Box 459, Grand Central Station. New York, NY 10163

DISTRICT 11 Anniversaries.....

We are asking all groups and individuals to send their Name, sobriety celebration date, years of sobriety and meeting they are celebrating at.

Send to Rusty.danstuxedo@hotmail.com. Put in the subject matter **"AA Anniversary"**.

IN OTHER NEWS..... Since the monthly district meeting minutes are now being published on the website: <https://aawv11.org/> they will no longer be published here.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

1. FULL District Meeting minutes are now being posted monthly, and you can view them at <https://aawv11.org/>
2. Please note that if you'd like to view the monthly newsletter online, you can do so at <https://aawv11.org/>
3. And, if you'd like to have the newsletter delivered to your inbox every month, please send an email request to AAdistrict11@gmail.com

District 11 Meetings On-line

According to the latest Where and When, all groups are meeting in person or have a hybrid meeting format except for the following which are on-line.

Daily at 7:30am- Eye Opener Group Hybrid

<https://www.gotomeet.me/EyeOpenerGroup>

Dial in at [\(646\) 749-3122](tel:6467493122)

Access Code: 604-461-373

Daily at 5:30pm - Early After Work Friends of Bill W. Group

Zoom Meeting ID 671-314-2769

Password: 118

Daily at 7:00pm - Doomsdayers Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 942-899-066

Password 049396

Sundays at 2:00pm - Women On A Journey Group

Join Zoom Meeting ID 274-008-239

Password: woaj

Wednesday at 7:00pm – Wednesday Night Men's Group Hybrid

UPCOMING EVENTS

“SAVE THE DATE”

Founder's Day Picnic Saturday, June 7th, 2025 at "The Blue" (First United Methodist) 440 Fearnow Rd. Berkely Springs, WV,. time and details to follow

July 25-27, 2025
Friday - Sunday

Mountain Health Arena
Conference Center

Huntington, WV

Hotel Block:

Delta Hotel
800 3rd Avenue,
Huntington, WV 25701
304-523-8880

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Area 73 Convention

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not Perfection.”

\$30 Registration

**Preferred: Mail check or money
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AA District 2

PO Box 341

Huntington, WV 25708

2025area73convention@gmail.com

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Tradition (Short) Form

- IV. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Tradition (Long) Form

- IV. With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Tradition Inventory Checklist

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Practice These Principles....

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure as it emerged through A.A.'s early history and experience.

Concept (Short) Form

IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Concept (Long) Form

IV. *Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

CONCEPTS CHECKLIST A service piece for home groups, districts, areas .

Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office. While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our co-founder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience. Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet. (The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

Concept Inventory Checklist

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

1. Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
2. What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
3. Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR DISTRICT 11

Since most of the info our newsletter contains is now available at our website (aawv11.org) and no one has offered to take this commitment, it's been decided to discontinue sending this out monthly.

IF anyone is interested in taking over, or re-imagining it, please contact Pam W. at Pam@A1Janitorial.com or the DCM (Dana K.) at danaknowlesaa11@gmail.com