



# Flagstaff Intergroup Newsletter

## March 2020

**Flagstaff Intergroup** is made up of representatives from Flagstaff area Groups plus other AA members who coordinate local AA activities in service to Groups and members. Some of these activities include providing a meeting list for Flagstaff and surrounding areas, maintaining a website [www.flagstaffaa.org](http://www.flagstaffaa.org), keeping an active 12-step list, publishing a newsletter, maintaining Flagstaff's all volunteer Central Office and literature/chip inventory & sales, and planning special events to build unity and enjoy our sobriety.

**Does your Home Group have an Intergroup representative?**  
**COME JOIN US: 6pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**  
**2102 E. Third Avenue in the back room.**

**Stop by your Central Office to get literature, meetings lists, and chips, or to volunteer. 2102 E. Third Avenue in Flagstaff.**  
**Hotline number: (928) 779-3569**  
**[www.flagstaffaa.org](http://www.flagstaffaa.org)**

### *Upcoming Events – Please Announce*

#### **Flagstaff Intergroup Gratitude Banquet**

April 3, 6pm-9pm Christ's Church 3475 Soliere

#### **Agua Fria 30th Annual Family Camp-Out & Fishing Derby**

Apr 17-19 Bartlett Lake - South Cove [aaawestphoenix.org](http://aaawestphoenix.org)

#### **Flagstaff Roundup May 28-31 [flagstaffroundup.com](http://flagstaffroundup.com)**

*Registration now open!*

**International Convention July 2-5, Detroit [aa.org](http://aa.org)**

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### **Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?

THIS tradition is packed with meaning. For AA is really saying to every serious drinker, "You are an AA member if *you* say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications. . .even your crimes. . .we still can't deny you AA. We don't *want* to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So you're an AA member the minute you declare yourself." – Bill W., July 1952 Grapevine

**Concept III:** To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

- Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
- Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., Intergroup Representatives and Coordinators, area delegate, the Conference itself?

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### ***Food for Thought- How Accessible is AA?***

Are we doing all we can to make the AA message accessible to all alcoholics? Is our meeting room accessible to members who use wheelchairs? Are we helping those with visual impairment to participate? Can a member with hearing loss hear clearly at our meetings? Are we helping members who have small children? How can we do more?

### **Humor from the Grapevine – used by permission:**

An old drunk was always going on about the good old days and the lower cost of living in particular.

"When I was a kid, my mom would send me to the store, and I could get a salami, two pints of milk, six oranges, two loaves of bread, a magazine and some new blue jeans--all for a dollar," he said.

Then the old guy said sadly, "You can't do that anymore. They got those video cameras everywhere you look."