



Flagstaff Intergroup September Newsletter 2017

Flagstaff Intergroup is made up of representatives from Flagstaff area Groups plus other AA members who coordinate local AA activities. Some of these activities include:

- Answering calls when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help
- Providing a meeting list for Flagstaff and surrounding areas
- Maintaining a website www.flagstaffaa.org
- Keeping an active 12-step list
- Publishing a newsletter
- Maintaining Flagstaff's all volunteer Central Office from which literature and chips may be purchased
- Planning special events to build unity and enjoy our sobriety

**Does your Home Group have an Intergroup representative?
Come Join Us: 2nd Monday of every month, 6PM, 2102 E. Third Ave.**

Tradition 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve

From the Grapevine's Tradition Checklist:

- What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?
- Do I still try to boss things in AA?
- Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
- Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?

Concept 9: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

From the Concepts Checklist:

- Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?
- Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them?"
- Do I set a positive leadership example?

In Tradition Nine, Bill says, "AA, as such, ought never be organized." In everyday conversation, "organize" means to arrange into an orderly pattern or structure, and that's how most people understand it. But according to Bill W.'s essay on Tradition Nine in the "Twelve and Twelve," the "essence" (or defining characteristic) of organization is "power to direct or govern." Hence, Bill meant that AA ought not to have any power to direct or govern the members--he did not mean that AA ought not be arranged in an orderly pattern or structure. - *from the November 2010 Grapevine*

Putting one dollar in the basket may no longer be enough, suggests an AA who thinks we may need to rethink our attitude when it comes to our tradition of self-support:



Money is a necessity in the journey toward contented sobriety. Meetings pay rent, buy literature, buy coffee and the trimmings, and have a need to support the service entities in their area and in New York. I learned early on that if I was unwilling to support AA, I was unwilling to support my own sobriety. (December 2016 Grapevine)

From the Grapevine's At Wit's End
(speaking of Tradition 9)

A circuit speaker was about to land at a small Texas airport in a ferocious thunderstorm. He had told his seatmate that he was going to tell his story to a thousand people at an AA event. Now, their shaking plane seemed about to crash. The neighbor, trying to ignore the turbulence, kept talking and asked what would happen if the speaker didn't show up.

"It's an AA meeting; they'll get someone else," he replied.

(November 2010)

From the Treasurer:

July and August combined

Donations from:

Non-ers	\$300.00
Individual	100.00
Morning After	297.60
Early Birds	<u>316.00</u>
	\$1013.60

Expenses

Answering Service	\$140.00
Century Link- office	82.93
Century Link - hotline	124.86
Rent	<u>877.50</u>
	\$1225.29

Net Change -\$211.69

Send contributions to: Flagstaff Intergroup, PO Box 31205, Flagstaff, 86003 or your Intergroup Rep can bring it to a meeting.

The Flagstaff Intergroup Central Office is located at 2102 E. Third Ave.

Central Office: (928) 774-4353 Hotline: (928) 779-3569

Office hours depend on you! Volunteers are needed to keep the office open. Can you help?

Please announce:

- **2017 Arizona State Convention September 29-October 1, in Prescott this year, www.area03.org**
- **Las Vegas Roundup November 23-26 www.lvroundup.org**
- **2nd Biennial Arizona Conference We Agnostics, Atheists, and Freethinkers in AA Tempe December 9 www.waافت-az.org**