



A Declaration of Unity

**This we owe to A.A.'s future;
to place our common welfare first;
to keep our Fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
and the lives of those to come.**





Area 50, Panel 74 Presents...

G.S.R. Resources



*Virtual
Coffee
Hour*



NEW FLYER!!





Topic of the Month....

Group Inventory

- Why?
- When?
- How?





Why is Group Inventory Important?

Many groups periodically hold a 'group inventory meeting' to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose (Tradition 5): to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is made possible when we remain united and bring God in.

Quote from Scott H, current chair
of the General Service Board



Principles of AA

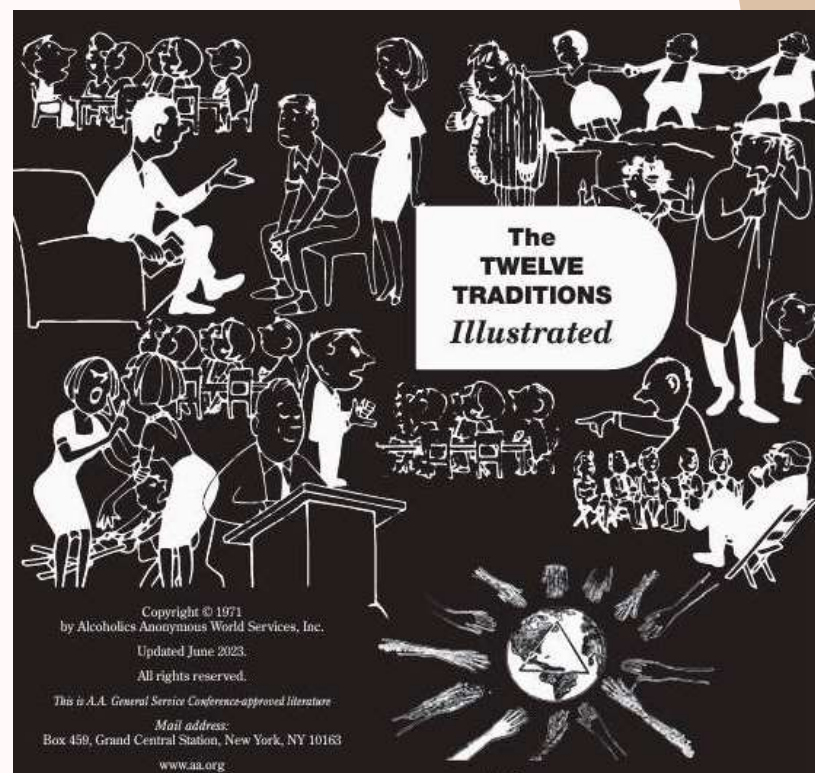




The Twelve Traditions Illustrated

“Then we look closer - and find that the Traditions are not rules - and they are not just for officers. They have deep meaning for each one of us, as the Twelve Steps do.”

“Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living’, co-founder Bill W. said.
‘And they are to group survival what AA’s Twelve Steps are to each member’s sobriety and peace of mind’.”





How is the Group aligned with the 12 Traditions?

Questions for the Group

1. Does our group put the interests of any individual above the welfare of the group or of AA as a whole?
2. Does our group do anything that misrepresents the conscience of the majority of the group?
3. Does our group exclude anyone with a drinking problem from attending the group?
4. Does our group do anything that does not conform to AA principles and affect other groups of AA as a whole?
5. Does our group do anything that conflicts with our carrying the AA message to alcoholics who want a way out from their drinking problem?
6. Does anything we do affiliate, endorse or bind the group, actual or implied, to any related facility or outside enterprise?

Corresponding Tradition

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.



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Questions for the Group

7. Does the group receive donations from anyone other than an AA member?
8. Are there any fees besides meeting expenses being charged for Twelve Step work IE: fellowship, sponsoring, step work, counseling?
9. Is there a governing individual or exclusive group authority that dictates organization to our group?
10. Does our group do anything that publicly states an opinion or takes sides on any issues or controversy that are outside of AA?
11. At the general public level, does the group publicize any individual AA member's name or picture as a self-appointed representative of AA?
12. Does our group give personal distinction to any AA member either among fellow alcoholics or the general public that puts their opinions above the conscience of the group or AA?

Corresponding Tradition

7. Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

When is the right time for a Group Inventory?



Living on God's Time

Scenarios that may prompt a group inventory meeting...

Other examples?



GSR – Inside the Membership

What AA members are saying about group inventories:

- Are we letting other members know the purpose of their participation and service for our program?
- Are we extending our hands more and making others feel welcome?
Walking up to someone you don't know to say hello helps a newcomer/visitor more than saying nothing at all.
- Service, service, service if you want to keep it you must also give it away.
- Are we letting other members know the importance of service?
- Are we taking the time to explain the importance of this group?
- How can our home group do more or do better with carrying the message?





PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER

EXPERIENCE - STRENGTH - HOPE

MOLLY, Member of Lakeshore Group

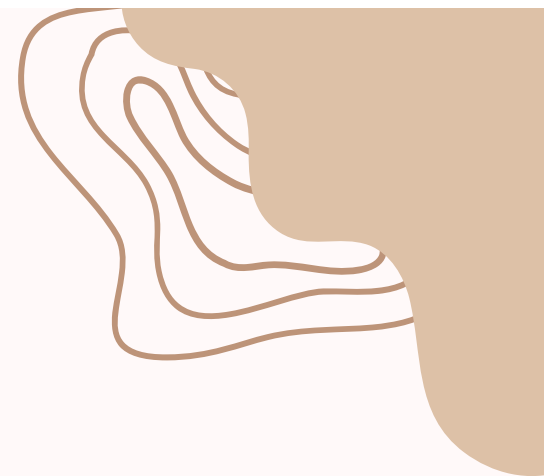
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HANK, Area 50 Panel 71 Delegate





Announcements!



**Happy
Holidays!**



Coming Up...!

2025 Kickoff General Service Assembly

**HOSTED BY
BUFFALO
INTERGROUP!**

Info:

<https://area5Owny.org/events/event/2025-kickoff-general-service-assembly/>

When:

**January 11, 2025
9:30a-2p**

Where:

**Windom Community Church
3766 Abbott Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127**





Coming Up...!

International Women's Conference – San Diego

Info:

<https://internationalwomensconference.org/>

When:

January 30- February 2, 2025

Where:

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
& ONLINE



IN PERSON & ONLINE PROGRAM



61ST INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SAN DIEGO, CA | JANUARY 30TH - FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

You can register here: In person, \$70.00 (USD)
and online, \$15.00 (USD)

<https://internationalwomensconference.org/registration-form-2025/>

Speaker, Marathon, and Panel Meetings!!
Hospitality Room – Fun, Games, Yoga, Meditation

Questions – onlineiwc61@gmail.com

Coming Up....!

17th Annual Cataract City Convention "Humility – Tradition 12"

What:

Niagara Intergroup of AA

Info:

<https://niagarafallsnyaameetings.com/convention>

When:

March 14-16, 2025

Where:

Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third St, Niagara Falls



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2025**
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300 Third Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
Opens Friday @ 2pm

**17th ANNUAL
CATARACT CITY CONVENTION**

**HUMILITY
TRADITION 12**

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CONVENTION FEATURES

- 6 SPEAKERS + 5 PANELS THROUGHOUT WEEKEND
- FRIDAY EARLY BIRD SPEAKER 4pm: Mike K.
- SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND DANCE
- ARCHIVE DISPLAY, RAFFLES + MUGS FOR SALE
- AL-ANON PARTICIPATION

HOTEL ROOM INFORMATION

CONVENTION RATE: \$109/ NIGHT (STANDARD RM.) EXCL. TAXES AND FEES.
RATE CUT OFF DATE 02/21/25

RESERVATION LIASON @ HOTEL: ASHLEY KINNEY (716) 278-2695

ONLINE RESERVATION PREFERRED:
www.sheratonatthefalls.com/group/cataractcityconvention2025

There are no refunds. One Form per Person. For questions or special needs contact Alan T. @ 716-345-0230 (Registration Chair) or Steve P. @ 716-944-0428 (Co-Chair). Make checks payable to Cataract City Convention (US funds only) and mail to: P.O. Box 734, Niagara Falls, NY, 14304.

	AA	Al-Anon	Alateen
Registration + Banquet:	☐ \$75	☐ \$75	☐ \$60
Registration ONLY:	☐ \$30	☐ \$30	☐ \$15
Banquet ONLY:	☐ \$45	☐ \$45	☐ \$45
Souvenir Mug:	☐ \$5	☐ \$5	☐ \$5
TOTAL:	\$	\$	\$

NAME ON BADGE: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

USE FORM OR QR CODE BELOW

Pre-Regist. Deadline for Dinner is February 26, 2025.





I Am Responsible...

When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.





Thank You!

**Questions? Concerns?
Comments?
Email us!**

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