

# AA CONCEPTS

Northern Illinois Area, Ltd. Area 20 Service Letter

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Since being elected Panel 66 delegate, I have been receiving a lot of e-mails from the General Service Conference, such as a Letter to the Delegate, the timeline for the conference and A.A.W.S. board minutes. I was fortunate that a past delegate had been sending me various things from GSO prior to my election. The committee on which I will be serving on for the next two years at the General Service Conference is the Grapevine. I believe this is the third time since 1984 that our Area delegate has been assigned to the Grapevine Committee at the General Service Conference. Both the panel 52 delegate and most recently panel 62 delegate were given the Grapevine assignment. The Grapevine Committee consists of five Panel 66 delegates and four Panel 65 delegates and a non-voting secretary. There is a chairperson and alternate chairperson for the committee.

The Grapevine's first issue was printed in June 1944 and sold for 15 cents a copy or \$1.50 for a year's subscription. It was started by six members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill affectionately dubbed the editors as the "six ink stained wretches." Each issue of the Grapevine magazine itself does not have to be reviewed by the conference because of the Conference advisory action in 1986 which states that the Conference recognizes the A.A. Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Conference Committee on the Grapevine was formed at the 1954 General Service Conference. The Grapevine is conference approved literature. One of the items I received from GSO is the "Conference Committee on the Grapevine: History and Highlights of Actions." It is neat to see when all the different things were added to the Grapevine, like the Serenity Prayer in 1967. Who remembers all the agenda items that were to add "About Alcoholism" section, the "gray pages", then to discontinue the section? When I was doing service work at the district level, I had served as the Grapevine chair twice, but not consecutively. I had been reading the Grapevines well before I had dove into the Big Book. One of our meetings had a great Grapevine display with magazines, catalogs and tapes. Who remembers the old Grapevine tapes? A trail of taped articles was approved at the 1983 conference. When I was serving as District Committee Member (DCM) of my home district, the district's Grapevine chair brought up an idea of raffling off Grapevine subscription to any GSR that attended their first area assembly. One of my meetings today offers a one-year Grapevine subscription on their one-year anniversary for any members who started attending our meeting at no later than two months of sobriety.

I believe that the Grapevine is a great service resource for all service committees, including Cooperation with

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## **From the editor**

**Hello Ladies and Gentlemen.**  
**So in September the Area 20 Assembly held elections. I thought it would be good to introduce the new servants. I didn't get short biographies from everyone. And actually I am kind of glad as I found transcribing tedious. Hopefully you will find the brief introduction more interesting. And perhaps it will help any reader to feel more comfortable reaching out to someone on the Area committee or holding an Area committee chair. As you will read these people want to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. This issue is also the issue prior to the General Service Conference. I was torn in that I wanted to introduce the trusted servants and I wanted to do something about the General Service Conference. So I tried to do both. Instead of writing a piece about the General Service Conference I found an article by Bill W. Why make something up when I can access the source. I found the article in the Grapevine digital archive. As I have used the digital archive in, I believe, every issue in which I have been editor. I highly recommend the digital with paper subscription.**

**Submissions for the next issue  
will be due May 14, 2016.**

**Thank you for your submissions.  
Heather S. Concepts Editor**

the Professional Community, Public Information, Special Needs, Treatment, Corrections and the Literature. It is truly “the A.A. meeting in print. “It has many articles on sobriety, our steps and the traditions. At the 1955 Convention in St. Louis, Bill W. was talking about a section at the convention with the A.A. Grapevine. He mentioned that it was our biggest and best means of communicating current A.A. thought and experience in staying sober, in hanging together, and in serving. He said, “The Grapevine was seen as the monthly mirror of A.A. in action, always the same principle yet ever growing and ever finding better ways of doing and thinking on new fronts of our exciting adventure in living and working together.

For many people outside of Alcoholics Anonymous, these articles can give them a little more insight about what members go through, and how they come out the other side a better person. For many members who cannot regularly attend meetings, the A.A. Grapevine is the only A.A. some may get. When the online Grapevine first became available, I subscribed to the digital and hard copy together. I have used it many times to get articles on the traditions and concepts to present at our monthly district meeting. I presently have a subscription to the online Grapevine again. I really enjoy getting the Grapevine Quote of the Day, for which you do not need a subscription to either the online or printed copy. Most recently I started getting the Grapevine Newsletter. I am looking forward to learning and helping the Grapevine to continue to grow as Bill W. had described it at the 1955 Convention.

Kelly L. Delegate NIA 20/Panel 66

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According to the dictionary a servant is “a person in the service of another”. And service means “work that is done for others” and “assistance; help.” In AA Comes of Age (p.99) “some hard facts of AA life. We ruefully discovered that the groups, no matter how much they liked and respected us, simply did not want us to be the self-appointed managers of their service and policy affairs forever. Neither would they let us pick our own successors to do the job for them. They wanted to name their own service committees. Again and again they showed us that the ultimate authority must speak through the groups.” The Assembly is the group that decides at the Area level.

I gave each new officer and committee chair a short questionnaire. It asked for home group, sobriety date, why they came into the program, first service position, past positions, and goals in current position. I would like to introduce the people who have been chosen by the Assembly to serve Area 20.

**Robert S. Alt (Alternate) Delegate.** His home group is the West Dundee Thursday Night group. His sobriety Date is Nov. 16, 1997. He was brought into the program by hopelessness. Robert was 3 years sober when he took his first service position as GSR. He has served as GSR, DCM, Area alt Treatment chair, and Area chair. Robert wrote that he would like to help people find a place in General service.

**Marilyn F. Area Chair.** Her home group is the Tuesday Night Kitchen Table Group in Algonquin. Marilyn's sobriety date is Feb. 18, 1984. And she was brought into the program by desperation. Marilyn has served as registrar and secretary at the Area level.

**Chris D. Area Registrar.** He writes: my home group is Wednesday Westside Grapevine in Elgin, IL. I was one of those folks that originally came into the program because I wanted my driver's license back, however once I got it back I realized that my life was actually worse than it ever had been before. The reason: I still hadn't stopped drinking. In what would ultimately become one of the most courageous things I would ever do, I finally admitted I was totally powerless and asked for help. I remember the moment vividly and I remember I wasn't alone, I was being helped by a higher power. The date was April 8, 1990. I was about 13 years sober and after a visit to Akron OH I developed a passion for service. I became a GSR, later stood for Alt DCM and then became DCM for D@@@. I have also served the Area as Treatment Chair and look forward to being of service as Registrar.

**Carmela R. Secretary.** Her home group is Spiritual Kindergarten in Grayslake IL. Her first service was cleaning ashtrays, greeting, and making coffee at meetings and events. She has chaired meetings and sponsored women. Carmela served as GSR, District (D) PI and events chair, D treasurer, and conference committees, DCM, Area service structure committee, finance committee, CPC chair, and alt registrar. Her goal in her current position is to serve humbly and with gratitude for all AA has given me.

**Kristen B. Alt Secretary.** Her home group is the West Dundee Thursday Night Group in West Dundee. Kristen's sobriety date is Oct. 5, 2004. She was absolutely miserable and decided to take a chance and listen to the advice of a counselor and check out an AA meeting. It was the best decision she has ever made. Kristen's first service position was chair for a women's meeting at 3 months sober. She has served as meeting chair, ashtray cleaner, coffee maker, GSR, D22 picnic committees, D22 literature chair, state conference hospitality chair, NIA spring conference registration co-chair.

**Judd W. Treasurer.** His home group is One day at a time in Plano IL. Judd's sobriety date is June 19, 1997. Judd came to AA to find sobriety and got the hope and courage to live differently. His first service

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position was at 90 day opening the doors to the meeting and making coffee. He has served as group treasurer, GSR, D PI chair, D CPC chair, DCM, Area finance committee chair, Area report and charter chair, Area alt Registrar, Area Registrar, and Area alt Treasurer. His goal in his current position is to be a dependable and reliable partner for all NIA trusted servants as they utilize the area treasury to execute the responsibilities of their service position.

*Nicole E. Alt Treasurer.* Her home group is the No Name Group of Lake Zurich. Nicole's sobriety date is Oct. 15, 1990. Her first service position was as District Grapevine chair at 1-2 years sober. She has served as GSR, D secretary, Alt DCM, DCM, NIA secretary, and Group Treasurer. She would like to be of service to the group of northern IL.

*Bonnie P. Answering service.* Her home group is Wednesday Night Concepts in Waukegan. Bonnie's sobriety date is Dec. 12, 2012. She was brought into the program by a wonderful woman she called a probation officer. Her service position was D12 alt answering service chair at about 6 months sober. She has served as meeting chair, coffee maker, key holder, D12 secretary, Tri-co conference hospitality chair, Tri-co conference secretary, and GSR for her home group. She would like to learn about our amazing program one chair at a time.

*Dan L. Bridging The Gap (BTG).* His home group is the Wander's 30 Sicker than Most. Dan's sobriety date is Sept. 25, 2010. He had enough pain and wanted to change. Dan's first service position was GSR at about two months. He has served as GSR, group treasurer, D43 PI chair, D62 Corrections alt and chair, Area 20 Corrections alt and chair. Dan's goal in his current position is to streamline the Area's BTG efforts.

*Patricia 'Weezie' S. Alt BTG.* Her home group is the Camden Serenity group in Milan IL. Weezie got sober June 18, 2007 because she was sick, tired, and homeless. At about a year sober she served answering phones at Intergroup. Weezie has served as D90 Treatment chair, Area treatment alt and chair. Weezie would like to set up a secure website for BTG at Area, assist Dan in whatever he needs and travel to districts that currently do not have a BTG program in place.

*Eric L. Communication with Professional Community (CPC).* His home group is Foxhall Group in Naperville IL. Eric's sobriety date is Dec. 12, 1987. He came to the program because he couldn't stay sober on his own. He writes, "I hit a point where I was willing to surrender my will and ask for help." Eric's first service position was set up and coffee at 8 months sober. He has served as DCM, on the Area finance committee, D Treatment chair, and GSR, among other positions. Eric's goal in his current to communicate the importance of basic CPC work at the individual and group level. Beyond mailings and workshops, so much work can and should be done at the individual. Many of us in AA had the help or recommendation of someone in a professional role, perhaps a doctor, lawyer, clergy member, teacher, etc. I believe we have a responsibility to connect with these people in our community and let them know where to find AA and to be a personal resource. Having direct personal interaction with professional in this way is very effective. I hope to support that notion in each district and be a resource for anyone wanting to do this type of service work.

*Pat C. Corrections.* Her home group is Flying Geese in Crystal Lake IL. Pat's sobriety date is June 13, 2007. She came to AA because she wanted a sober life. Her first service position was GSR at 6 months sober. She has served as GSR, secretary, treasurer, and other various committees at the group level,

D11 Special needs and corrections chair. At the Area Pat has served as alt Special needs Chair and alt Corrections chair. Pat's goals in her current position are to advance the pink can fun Area wide in an effort to supply literature to our less prosperous districts, cooperate with Area 19 & 21 in serving the prison population, and to participate in workshops and service conferences.

*Dawn B. Alt Corrections.* Her home group is Meat & Potatoes Big Book Tuesday 7pm in Bartlett. Dawn's sobriety date is Sept. 11, 2003. She came into the program because she couldn't stop drinking on her own. At 2 months Dawn served as GSR. She has served as alt DCM, DCM, Area alt secretary and secretary, and Area Registrar. In her current position she would like to maintain and improve corrections work.

*Karen M. Grapevine.* Currently Karen is in transition as her home group meeting is no longer active. Her sobriety date is Jan. 22, 2006. The program was the only option left. She couldn't live that way anymore but didn't really want to die. Karen was 1-2 years sober when she took her first service position as GSR. She has served as GSR, alt DCM, DCM, Area alt Grapevine. Karen's goal in her current position are to continue to carry the message and share the wisdom contained in the years of Grapevine material available.

*Jeff L. Literature.* His home group is Friday Night Corner in Bloomingdale. Jeff's sobriety date is April 3, 1999. He was sick and tired of being sick and tired. At 5 weeks Jeff served as coffee maker and meeting set up. He has served as meeting chair, group treasurer, GSR, D literature chair, D Grapevine, D secretary, LCM, Area Answering Service chair, 2008 spring conference hospitality chair. 2014 Big Book conference chair. Jeff would like to highlight the importance of literature especially to the newcomer. He would also like to get more involvement from district literature chairs.

*Melissa V. Alternate (alt) Public Information(PI).* Her home group is Better off Sober Group in DeKalb. Melissa's sobriety date is Dec. 14, 2012. She was brought into the program by a nice lady at rehab who said, "So you think you're an alcoholic, right?" And zombie-fied, she said, "yeah" And she said, "And you know what AA stands for, right?" She let me connect the dots. Melissa says she was in service from the beginning but didn't have a titled position until 2 years. Her first position was GSR. She has served as group chair, treasurer, secretary, and GSR. At the district level she has served as alt DCM, and CPC/PI chair. In her current position Melissa would like to learn as much as possible from the chair, to further her knowledge about how the Traditions apply to Public Information, provide the chair with any support she needs, and learn more about integrating the assets of other committees into Public Information goals.

*Amy L. Treatment.* Her home group is Sisters in Sobriety in Oswego. Amy's sobriety date is Dec. 19, 2008. She came to AA because she had a desire to quit drinking. Her first service position was in 2010 as GSR. Amy has served as D62 DCM and D43 alt PI. Her goal in her current position is to carry the message.

*Bob J. Special Needs.* His home group is Saturday Morning Little Red Door Group in West Dundee. Bob's sobriety date is Sept. 26, 2011. His first AA meeting was in treatment. And he knew he could stay sober in AA. Bob's first service position was GSR at 8-9 month sober. He has served as GSR, D22 Special Needs chair, Co-chair for special needs committee for NIA 2015 Spring Conference.

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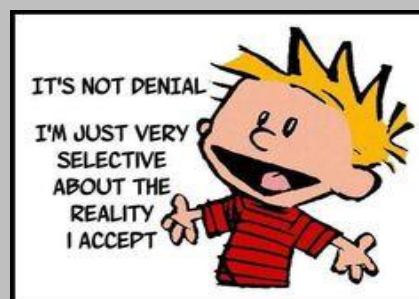


### Murphy's Law at AA

1. The more cautiously you walk with a cup of coffee in an A.A. meeting the greater your chances of somebody bumping into you and spilling it.
2. Whatever you don't want to deal with is always the topic of every A.A. meeting you go to.
3. The more you resent your sponsor, the happier she is to see you.
4. The harder you work on a character defect, the more glaring it becomes.
5. Whenever a speaker says he is not going to give a long drunkalog, a long drunkalog ensues.
6. The less you work the principles, the greater you work the personalities.
7. The more you want to speak the less you will be asked. The less you want to speak the more you will be asked.
8. When you finish working all the Steps and start to feel really good, a catastrophe always happens so that you have to start working them all over again.
9. The speaker will always focus on the one person in the room who isn't listening.
10. Wherever you put the cream and sugar in an A.A. meeting, it's always in the wrong place.
11. When your fear of financial insecurity is finally removed so is your job.
12. Whenever you keep hearing the same speaker at every meeting you go to and you go out of town to a new meeting, he will be the main speaker.
13. Anything done in your home group more than once and which is totally illogical, will probably become a tradition.
14. When you feel your worst and go to a meeting, somebody always comes up and tells you how good you look.

—Robin F.

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# Guardian of AA Our General Service Conference AA was Secure at last.

Anniversary reprint From the April, 1958 Grapevine

EVERY AA wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his own spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of AA itself.

In his AA group, every good member feels deeply about this. He knows, once the miracle of sobriety has been received, that Providence expects all of us to work and to grow--to do our part in maintaining our blessings in full force. A perpetual miracle--with no effort or responsibility on our part--simply isn't in the cards. We all understand that the price of both personal and group survival is willingness and sacrifice, vigilance and work.

What is so true for each member and for each group must also be true for AA as a whole. Yet many of us have never given this self-evident proposition the thought it deserves. We are apt to take it for granted that AA, as a whole, will go on forever--no special attention or contribution being required of us. Save an occasional glow of pride in AA's size and reach, it is possible that half of AA's members and groups still have little active concern for the total welfare. That isn't negligence on their part at all. They simply haven't seen the need.

There are two good reasons for this. One is that AA as a whole has never run into any trouble. The other is that, until recently, a small group of AA's old-timers--acting as parents--have tended to the perils and problems of our whole society without consulting the membership very much about such matters.

Never have we had a problem that cut clear across us. The public admires us, our friends love us. Religion and medicine are in our corner. Nobody has seriously exploited us. We have avoided public controversy. The world's political strife hasn't touched us. We haven't had even one full-sized family quarrel. While members and groups have had just about all the woe there is, AA as a whole has never had any. This is the miracle of our twenty-three years of existence.

No wonder so many truly believe that nothing can ever happen to AA itself! That we have been so long exempt from the pains that all nations and societies must suffer is something for the deepest gratitude. But we certainly cannot presume that this benign phenomenon will last forever. I, for one, do not think that it should last. We can never call ourselves 'grown up' until we have successfully met with all those temptations and problems that invariably harass every large grouping of men and women. This will be good for us--very good, I'm sure.

Some day we may have to resist all the pressure that a destruction-bent world can put upon us in this craziest and most perilous century that the human race has ever seen. As a Fellowship, we shall always need to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to insure AA's unity, service and survival, under any conditions whatever. That is why I'm now writing to you about AA's General Service Conference, the guardian of our future.

Until recently, we have behaved like a still-young family. This family, like all families, has had parents. These parents have been the so-called old-timers and originators of AA. I was fortunate enough to have been one of them. Since the earliest days we parents have been more concerned with the future welfare of AA than with anything else. At local levels, we old-timers used to look

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after things; until a few years ago, Dr. Bob and I, mightily assisted by dedicated alcoholic and nonalcoholic friends were doing the same at national and international levels.

As parents of AA we had to see to it that our growing brood was protected against itself, and against the world outside. Very early, our family had to have principles to live by, and schooling in those principles. The good news of AA had to be spread far and wide so that we could grow in numbers as well as in quality. Such were our responsibilities.

It was in 1937 that Dr. Bob and I first began to see what we must do. We knew there would have to be an AA text of principles and methods. Other old-timers agreed. By 1939, with lots of help, we had published the Big Book, "Alcoholics Anonymous." This ended all doubt about AA's methods. The 300,000 Big Books today in circulation constitute the platform of recovery upon which our whole Fellowship stands.

We next realized that AA would have to have publicity--lots of it, and of the right kind. We commenced work on this problem. Maybe half of today's members owe their lives and their fortunes to the telling efforts of the press and other means of communication.

From 1940 to 1950, we were beset by group problems of every sort, frightening beyond description. Out of these experiences the Twelve Traditions of AA were forged--traditions that now protect us against ourselves and the world outside. This effort, requiring immense office correspondence and experience, finally resulted in a whole new literature dealing with AA's unity and services. Under these influences we grew solid.

The news of AA began to spread around the world, finally reaching into ninety lands. This brought a host of new problems and the need to publish AA literature in many tongues. Hospitals and prisons and loners and men on ships also had to be reached and helped. AA's lifelines had to extend everywhere. AA needed a monthly magazine. Today, the AA Grapevine

reaches 40,000 subscribers plus countless thousands of others each month.

These have been the duties and privileges of our parenthood worldwide. We did our best to protect AA so that it could grow undisturbed. Not troubling the growing family about these critical matters, we acted on the principle that "Father knows best." In the early days, it was just as simple as that. It was then far too soon to throw the full weight of responsibility onto our whole Fellowship.

From the beginning, Dr. Bob and I found that we needed special help ourselves. Therefore we called upon certain dedicated non-alcoholics to give us a lift. With these men, we formed a trusteeship for Alcoholics Anonymous. It was created 'way back in 1938 and we called it The Alcoholic Foundation (since renamed The General Service Board of AA). In 1940, our trustees acquired the AA book, assumed full responsibility for AA's general funds, its world service office, its magazine and its public relations.

To this body of trustees--alcoholic and nonalcoholic--must go most of the credit for making our world headquarters what it now is.

During the year 1948 we workers at AA's headquarters got a terrific jolt. Dr. Bob was stricken with a consuming and slowly fatal malady. This created a severe crisis in our affairs because it made us face up to the fact that the old-time parents of our society weren't going to last forever.

We were filled with foreboding as we realized how insecure were the existing links between our headquarters and the vast sprawling Fellowship that it served. There was, of course, our small Board of Trustees. But not one AA in a thousand could name half of them. At the headquarters office, there were Bobbie, Ann and Charlotte. There were Dr. Bob and myself. We few were just about the only links to worldwide AA!

Meanwhile, thousands of our members went serenely about their business. They knew little or nothing about AA's over-all problems. They vaguely supposed that God, with maybe a slight assist from Dr. Bob and me, would go right on handling them. Thus they were completely ignorant of the actual state of our affairs, and of the awful potential there was for an ultimate collapse.

It was a racking dilemma. Somehow AA as such--AA as a whole--would have to take over the full responsibility. Without doubt the groups would have to elect numerous delegates and send them to New York each year, where they could sit with and guide the trustees. Only by so doing could AA assume effective direction of its own policy and business. Only through these elected delegates could the increasing isolation of the trustees from the movement itself be halted. Only such a body could take binding decisions in any future crisis.

When our scheme for a joint conference of trustees and delegates was first proposed, a howl went up country-wide. At first it looked as though the AA family didn't want any part of this new and unexpected responsibility. To them, 'AA delegates' spelled nothing but politics, controversy and confusion. "Let's keep it simple," they cried.

But after a couple of years of agitation and education, our Fellowship clearly realized that the ultra-simplicity of the early days could be no more. Direct family responsibility there would have to be, or else AA would fold up at its very center. The erstwhile elders, fathers and founders would have to be taken off the hook and replaced by delegates. There was no other way. The family would have to 'come of age' or suffer dire penalties for the failure to do so.

So we called in some seventy-five delegates from the U. S. and Canada. Together with the trustees and the headquarters and Grapevine staff, those delegates formed themselves into the General

Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. By then, it was 1951.

At first this was an experiment, pure and simple. If it worked it would mean that AA had truly come of age, and could really manage its own affairs. Through its representative Conference, it could become the guardian of its own future and the protector of its own lifelines of service.

Well, our Conference did work. Its performance, God be thanked, exceeded all our expectations. At the end of its five-year experimental period, we knew that it could become a permanent part of our Fellowship.

In July of 1955, at AA's twentieth anniversary, I stood before the great St. Louis Convention. Amid a dwindling band of old-timers, and on their behalf, I delivered the destiny of AA into the hands of its chosen representatives, the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. I cannot remember any happier day in my life. A gaping chasm had been bridged. AA was secure at last.

Some people still ask these questions: Will the AA family send to the Conference its finest delegates? Will we continue to choose able and wise trustees? Will AAs back their Conference members, their trustees and their world headquarters with enough funds, enough interest and enough understanding?

For me, these are questions no longer. The history of AA shows that whenever a great need arises, that need is always met. In this respect, I'm quite sure that our history will go on repeating itself.

. . .

Through its Conference, complete authority and responsibility are now fully vested in AA.

For these all-compelling reasons, my friends, the future belongs to you. Embrace these new responsibilities eagerly, fear naught, and the grace of God will surely be yours.

-- Bill W.

# Announcement

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Summer Committee Meeting, Aug 6, Lord of Life Church, LaFox IL

Illinois State Conference, August 12-14, St. Charles IL

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