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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

DATE	COMMITTEE	ADDRESS
April 16- 7pm	Bridging the Gap	4021 4 st SE Calgary Zoom Meeting ID 945 772 8029 Passcode: BTG
April 13 - 7pm	Intergroup General	1802 33 ave SW Calgary
April 8 - 7pm	District 75 Committee	Zoom Meeting ID: 838 0522 6189
April 8 - 7pm	CGSC Treatment Centre	4021 4 st SE Calgary
April 20 - 7:30pm	Calgary General Service	1802 33 ave SW Calgary
April 21 - 6:30pm	Cooperation with the Professional Community	4021 4 st SE Calgary
June 23 - 7pm Now a Quarterly Meeting	Public Information	Zoom Meeting ID: 764 5364 8741 Passcode: Serenity
April 27 - 7pm	Intro to Service	Zoom The Meeting ID: 924 0372 1605. Passcode: 632249
April 19	District 85 @ Cochrane Coop Community meeting room	Zoom The Meeting ID: 935 925 483 422 4 Passcode: y93Nb2

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MEETING INFO & CHANGES

NEW MEETINGS:

Airdrie Country Group – Open beginners meeting discussing the first 4 chapters of the big book. Monday nights at 8pm, 308 1 Ave SE Airdrie

Garnet Block - New Woman’s Meeting Tuesday’s at 4pm, New open meeting Monday’s at 3pm. Also New Monday Night Midnighter

MEETING CHANGES:

Midnapore – Monday night 8pm has changed from a closed meeting to an open meeting

Stampeders Group - The Stampeders Group, that meets Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM, has changed its meeting format to Living Sober.(The book)

MEETING INFO / SUPPORT:

Recovery Group: Looking to share their meeting room on Sunday’s, Wednesday’s & Friday’s, contact Robert @ 403-836-7026 or rob.pull@shaw.ca

Front Runners: LGBTQ group meeting at Hillhurst United Church is seeking support for the Tuesday literature/discussion meeting at 8PM.

Fellowship Room: Starting May 3 Sunday night at 7:30pm we will have a Big Book study all are welcome

Awakenings: Needs support for their Saturday morning 9:30am meeting, Conference Room at the Parkdale United Church

Monthly Intergroup Service Commitments

Sunday Morning (9:00am) Ramada Breakfast Meeting	AA Group
April 5	Mackenzie Group
April 12	Mackenzie Group
April 19	Mackenzie Group
April 26	Mackenzie Group
Phone Monitoring Dates	AA Group
April 6-12	ABC Group
April 13-19	Glenmore Group
April 20-26	Forest Lawn Fellowship
April 27-May 3	Daily Reflections

Treatment Speakers

Location & Time	AA Group
Alpha House Tuesdays 8pm	Walking Eagle
Alpha House Fridays 8pm	Garnet Block
Dream Centre Sundays 7pm	Ogden Group
Drop In Centre Thursdays 7:30pm	Primary Purpose Group
Renfrew Detox Fridays 7pm	New Beginnings
Sunrise Healing Lodge Tuesdays 8pm	Elbow Park
Nam Recovery Tuesdays 10am	Tim H
Simon House Tuesdays 7pm	Bridging the gap (volunteers)

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Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays						April Birthdays			
Ogden Group		Midnapore Group		New Beginnings		Whitesheep		Midnapore Group	
Archie W	1 year	Jon H	2 Years	Rachel	1 Year	Dave W	8 Years	Justin H	1 Year
Thomas F	3 Years	Chris L	5 Years	Marina	1 Year	Brian Mac.	10 Years	Danny F	2 Years
Julius R	33 Years	Grant J	8 Years	Doug W	1 Year	Les M	26 Years	Troy S	7 Years
Yvonne O	34 Years	Dave M	10 Years	Linda A	1 Year	George G	32 Years	Andy S	10 Years
Owen M	34 Years	Freedom Group		Mattie	2 Years	Brian P	45 Years	Brian W	32 Years
Just For Today		Larry S	35 Years	Darren H	12 Years	Just For Today		Sandy M	36 Years
Delilah	2 Years	Wed Morn Eye Opener		Judy C	12 Years	Sasha	2 Years	West End Step & Trad.	
Sharon T	4 Years	Elsie L	8 Years	Lisa B	14 Years	Jarret	11 Years	Malissa M	9 Years
Sharon G	33 Years	Claus S	1 Year	Jack C	17 Years	Marie	14 Years	Mark T	12 Years
Regal Group		Deer Ridge		George L	21 Years	Ivan	44 Years	Regal Group	
Frank S	1 Year	Richard M	3 Years	Derek C	22 Years	Stampeders		Mike A	8 Years
Harry P	45 Years	Ashley C	10 Years	Mary M	38 Years	Kevin D	42 Years	Deer Ridge	
Kincora Group		Maggie B	32 Years	Garnet Block					
Jenn B	2 Years	Edgemont Group		Candace	1 Year	Hugh F	16 Years		
Arthur R	3 Years	Andrew M	1 Year	Chelsea	1 Year	Gordon E	35 Years		
Sarah C	6 Years	Tanner G	2 Years	Kate	1 Year	Unity Group			
Fellowship Room		Pierre B	2 Years	Shayne M	1 Year	Dave S	16 Years		
Delilah	2 Years	Audrey B	3 Years	Stephanie	1 Year	MAAT Group			
Beautiful Hope		Lisa D	10 Years	Aidan	1 Year	Richard S	2 Years		
Linda D	26 Years	Patrick F	33 Years	Damian	1 Year	Gerry B	51 Years		
272 Group		Brent V	39 Years	Llucc	2 Years	Freedom Group			
Dennis	1 Year	Back From Hell		Robyn V	2 Years	Krista B	10 Years		
Joey	6 Years	Brian D	1 Year	Clinton	3 Years	Candlelight			
Dave M	12 Years	Jamie T	2 Years	Janeska	4 Years	Andrew B	14 Years		
Joanne B	30 Years	Jeremy I	3 Years	Andrea	4 Years	Shauna M	14 Years		
MAAT Group		Nick T	23 Years	Nadia	5 Years	Knox Nooners			
Linda L	41 Years	Unity Group		Jim D	9 Years	Tasi P	5 Years		
NADZIELA		Mike S	1 Year	Cam H	10 Years	Ashleigh M	5 Years		
Andrzej	7 Years	Moussa C	1 Year	Bill W	11 Years	Lorene K	10 Years		
Haddon Group		ABC Group		Ron M	14 Years	Cory F	12 Years		
Jeff D	11 Years	Doug M	3 Years	Lori L	45 Years	Kincora Group			
Harry F	24 Years	Stampeders		Ruth S	51 Years	Renee	1 Year		
NW Calgary Group		Howard A	18 Years	NW Calgary Group		Adam B	2 Years		
Monica C	4 Years	More April BD's							
Scott J	9 Years	New Life Group							
Shaun K	9 Years	Myrna T	20 Years	Kevin W	9 Years	Rick F	4 Years		
Martin S	12 Years	272 Group							
George A	14 Years	Fellowship Room							
Karen M	22 Years	Conrad D	42 Years	Leslie	43 Years				

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Calls for Service & Announcements

Bridging the Gap

The BTG Committee Needs Help...

We have a number of initiatives (both in person and remote work) we are pursuing:

- Annual "Reach-Out" to volunteers on our Temporary Contact rosters,
- Finding "Bridgers" to explain the Temporary Contact Program at Treatment Committee Speaker meetings at Alpha Detox, Sunrise Healing Lodge, Simon House, The Dream Centre, Renfrew, NAMH and 1839 House;
- Managing our Speaker/Bridger commitments;
- Spreading the BTG message at Round Ups, Workshops and Service Seminars, etc.

But we can't do it without your help...please reach out to the Chair of BTG, Leslie M., at cgsbte@gmail.com or PLEASE join us at our April 16th Committee.

Become an "AA Tour Guide"

If you are interested in working with the newcomer, sign up to be a "Temporary Contact" using this QR Code:



Next BTG Meeting Thursday April 16th at 7pm

The BTG Committee meets at 7pm on the third Thursday of every month in person at Central Office (4021 4th Street SE), AND on Zoom (Meeting ID: 945 772 8029, Password: BTG).



Help Shape Our Intro to Service events that welcome and support new AAs twice a year.

4th Monday of Every Month (Hybrid)

7 to 8 pm

Calgary Central Office

4021 4 St SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2W4

For the Zoom link, please email introtoservice@cgscaa.org.



Learn how service strengthens recovery, and about AA service opportunities in Calgary.

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10 am – 4pm

South Main Floor Hall

Scarborough United Church

134 Scarboro Ave, Calgary, AB T3C 2H1

How to Register: Please email introtoservice@cgscaa.org

Registration is not required, but preferred.

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

Alcoholics Anonymous 13 Week Traditions Study Through our Second Legacy of Unity!

Commencing: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Okotoks Evangelical Free Church

28 Westland Road, Okotoks

Enter through the South Entrance

Bring your own copy of these books:

1. **AA Comes of Age**
2. **2025 edition of AA Service Manual**

Crosstalk, arguing and double dipping encouraged. Bring an open mind! Highlighters if you wish.

For inquires call (250) 295-5334

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SPONSOR/SPONSEE
Service Opportunity

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SERVICE FOR YOU AND YOUR SPONSEE?

Come and join us at the **Cooperation with the Professional Community** Committee meeting, held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Central Office

- Multiple CPC committee positions available
- Continuous volunteer and service opportunities

Come learn and grow with us!

AA Central Office: 4201 4th Street SE Calgary
 For further information please reach out to our CPC Committee Chairperson at: cgscpc@gmail.com

► SUNDAY NIGHT ◀ SPEAKER MEETING

April 5 – Amy Lynn
 (Go For It)

April 12 – Stephen
 (Go For It)

April 19 – Suzie
 (West End Steps & Trad)

April 26 – Warren
 (Spring Bank)



WHEN: EVERY SUNDAY 7:30 – 8:30 PM
WHERE: PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH
 2919, 8 AVENUE NW, CALGARY

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Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C)

Grow in your recovery!
Attend a CPC Committee meeting!

C.P.C. is an AA. committee offering unique service opportunities giving you a chance to carry the message directly to various industry and professional groups, either through your own network connections, or by participating in already established projects like the Student Doctor's Meeting and the Student Nurses Information session - both ongoing for many years.

Committee members can bring the A.A. message to professionals and to students at professional schools in your community, helping them to understand how and why A.A. works. A.A. has always valued friends in all professional fields. These associations have been mutually beneficial and completely in keeping with the A.A. Traditions.

We are looking for new C.P.C members who would be interested in sharing the message of A.A. or helping to open doors to:

- Accounting Professionals
- Clergy
- Criminal Justice Students
- Social Work Students
- EAP Providers
- Educators
- Health Care Professionals
- HR Professionals
- Legal and Law Enforcement Professionals
- Medical and Nursing Students
- Not-for-profits
- Unions
- Etc., etc., etc.

Attend a C.P.C. Committee Meeting in person at Central Office or via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm (excluding September and December which will be the 22nd)
 Contact the C.P.C. Committee for more information at cgscpc@gmail.com

We Want You

Great service opportunities available to volunteer and carry the AA message to the newcomers in treatment

Treatment Committee Meeting every second wednesday or the month

Central office

4021 4 street s.e.

7:00pm

Or

Via Zoom Id 914 3848 6447

Password 663975

Email cgscptreatment@gmail.com

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Fellowship & Events

2026 Western Canada Regional Forum

June 12–14, 2026 | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

EVENT LOCATION

Travelodge Hotel
106 Circle Drive West

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call: 306-242-8881
Code: 061126AAW
Rate: \$139.00 per night
Expires May 20, 2026

REGISTRATION

Opens April 12, 2026
<https://www.aa.org/event/2026-western-canada-regional-forum>

TRANSPORTATION

Airport transportation assistance:
wcrf2026@gmail.com

QUESTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Lori R., Volunteer Chair
loririnservice@gmail.com

GSO INFORMATION

Diana L., Regional Forum Coordinator
regionalforum@aa.org

Scan to Register after April 12, 2026



See you in Saskatoon!!!!

Public Information!!!

**Public Information Is
Looking For Speakers
To go to Schools and
Institutions If
interested Attend the
Committee Meeting
to find out how you
can give back**

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Open Positions Calgary Intergroup

Special Events Chairperson

Qualifications

- Minimum one year sobriety
- Knowledge of Steps and Traditions

Monthly Meeting Time

- As determined by the Chairperson

Committee Composition

- Chairperson
- Other members as determined by the chairperson

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend and deliver a report at monthly Calgary Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting
- Attend and deliver a report at monthly Calgary Intergroup Meeting
- Coordinate special events such as Summer BBQ and Christmas Luncheon potluck
- Assists COMC in organization of Stampede Breakfast
- Prepare budgets for special events
- Coordinates with volunteers for set-up and tear down at monthly intergroup meeting
- Builds relationship with Meeting Facility (has key to open)
- Uses Committee email account log-in with continual monitoring as a communication tool

Telephone Monitoring Chairperson

Qualifications

- Minimum one year sobriety
- Knowledge of Steps and Traditions

Monthly Meeting Time

- As determined by the Telephone Monitoring Chairperson

Committee Composition

- Chairperson
- People to help prepare the packages given to the groups for monitoring

Duties and Responsibilities

- Responsible for signing up and coordinating groups to monitor AA phone lines after regular business hours on a weekly basis at the monthly Intergroup Meeting.

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- Maintains good rapport with Answering Service
- Attend and deliver a monthly report at the Calgary Intergroup Meeting
- Coordinate with office manager for weekday monitors at central office
- Arrange alternate monitoring when required

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Getting into General Service

The April issue is “Getting into General Service,” featuring inspiring stories of experience by AA members about how they got into service below the group and how it changed their sobriety.

Helping Spread the word

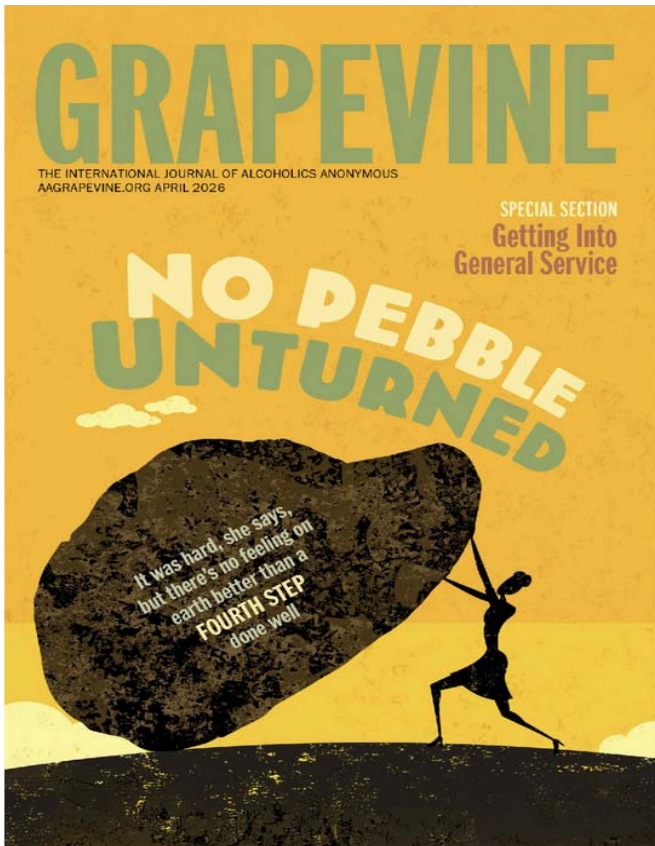
By: Nancy K. | Fort Collins, Colorado

After 26 years of drinking, the day came when I could not get drunk anymore. That morning I was alone in my kitchen.

Serving Online

By: Bob C. | Jacksonville, Florida

“My name is Bob, and I am an alcoholic.” I remember well the first time I said those words. I thought my heart was going to pound right out of my chest.



The Love of Service

Our cofounder Bill W. once wrote in “AA’s Legacy of Service” that “Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the AA Fellowship

The Conference Process

By: Anonymous | The Village, Florida

Some years ago, I was privileged to be elected by my home group to serve as their GSR (general service rep). And so began my extensive study of the A.A.

You Never Know

By: Stew B. | Medicine Hat, Alberta

I was fortunate that when I arrived in Medicine Hat, Alberta, in 1985, a vibrant group of individuals were involved in AA general service.

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Delegate's Corner

Area 78 – Panel 76

Delegate's Corner | April 2026

Dave S. here— a truly grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous, honored to serve Area 78 as your Delegate for Panel 76 (2026–2027).

It feels like I was just connecting with you all yesterday. I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying the changing seasons. Here in Calgary, we've experienced a bit of everything—winter, summer, and back again—sometimes all in the same week! By the time you read this, I hope spring has fully arrived.

I am filled with gratitude for everyone who attended the Pre-Conference Assembly in Calgary (March 27–29, 2026). Your participation in committee discussions and sharing sessions was invaluable. Your voices help guide not only me, but all of us in trusted service, as we prepare to carry Area 78's group conscience forward.

Congratulations to the Districts who have been selected to host the January and May 2027 Area Committee Meetings. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

The Assembly weekend was truly special. Alongside the work we accomplished, there was laughter, connection, and a deep sense of purpose. One of the most meaningful parts for me is always seeing new General Service Representatives (GSRs). This role is vital—it is where the voice of the group is first carried into our service structure.

Another powerful moment comes on Sunday mornings, when first-time attendees are invited to share. Time and again, we hear heartfelt reflections—often emotional—about witnessing the dedication behind the scenes. So many trusted servants give countless hours in service, all in an effort to fulfill our primary purpose: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

In just a few weeks, this once hopeless alcoholic—from the wilds of northern British Columbia, near Hyder, Alaska—will find himself in New York City, attending the Annual General Service Conference. For six full days, from early morning into the evening, I will be immersed in committee work.

While the schedule feels a bit daunting, I've been reassured that it will also be deeply rewarding. My wife will be exploring the city alongside other partners, and I'm grateful she gets to share in this experience—she is certainly one of us.

I was deeply touched by those of you who approached me during the Assembly to offer your encouragement, thoughts, and concerns. Please know that I carry your voices with me. I remain available to each of you—your voice matters.

After returning from New York, I look forward to visiting Districts and events to share a full report from the Conference. Our next gathering will be the Area Committee Meeting in Fort St. John, BC (May 22–23, 2026). I'm especially excited to return to the north and connect with the vibrant and dedicated AA community there.

Registration will soon open for the 2026 Forum in Saskatoon, SK (June 12–14, 2026). More details can be found on Area78.org.

I'll leave you with something my sponsor often reminds me:

"Anything you do in service to Alcoholics Anonymous is enough. You make a difference."

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I appreciate and love you all as we continue to trudge the road of happy destiny—together.

In Loving Service

Dave S.

Delegate Area 78 Panel 76

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Tradition 4

MARCH 1948

Editorial:

BY: BILL W.

On the 4th Tradition

"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 Alcoholic Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

This Tradition, Number 4, is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions 1 and 2. Tradition 1 states, "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition 2 states, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition 4. The first sentence of Tradition 4 guarantees each A.A. group **LOCAL** autonomy. **With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes.** No over-all or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our tradition.

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Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and

action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group or regional committee could take an action which might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we A.A.s have universally adopted the **PRINCIPLE OF CONSULTATION**. This means that if a single A.A. group wishes to take any action which might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, if there be one, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect A.A. as a whole, it consults the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our over-all General Service Committee. For instance, no group or intergroup could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect A.A. as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be A.A. standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our A.A. General Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition 4, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

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Step & Tradition 4

Step 4 - Made a fearless and searching moral inventory of ourselves.

From Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapter 5 How It Works p. 63, 67

Next we launched out on a course of vigorous action, the first step of which is a personal housecleaning, which many of us had never attempted. Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions.

Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. **This was Step Four.** A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking a commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade. One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret. If the owner of the business is to be successful, he cannot fool himself about values.

We did exactly the same thing with our lives. We took stock honestly. First, we searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self, manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we considered its human manifestations.

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Referring to our list again. Putting out of our minds the wrongs others had done, we resolutely looked for our own mistakes. Where had we been selfish, dishonest, self-seeking and frightened? Though a situation had not been entirely our fault, we tried to disregard the other person entirely. Where were we to blame? The inventory was ours, not the other man's.

Tradition 4 - Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p146-147.

Autonomy is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous?

Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When A.A.'s Traditions were first published in 1946, we had become sure that an A.A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We say that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: "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

The A.A. group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong.