

"We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

~from A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W.

Greetings District 37,

So happy to be serving this rotation as your District Committee Member. We have started this blog to keep you up to date on District affairs. I, our Alternate DCM, and Committee Chairs will be taking turns monthly to write the blog and share the exciting things happening in our committees as well as District and Area events.

We have started the year off strong with all our Committee Chair Service positions filled. Now we are looking for Alternate Chair positions. In keeping with our spirit of rotation this allows a seamless transition for the Alternate Chair to step into the Committee Chair position at the next service rotation. In addition, our Committees are looking for committee members to help serve our community and the still suffering alcoholic. If you or someone you know wants to be involved in General Service, we welcome you to attend our District meeting and find out more.

More importantly, I would ask all meetings who are registered as a Group to represent yourselves in the District. Elect a General Service Representative (GSR) to represent your Group to ensure your Group's wishes are heard and fully considered at the District and Area levels. Your Groups' conscience is a part of our delegate's thinking at the Conference. A.A. is often referred to as an upside-down organization which we represent with the upside-down triangle, the groups are at the top and the trustees at the bottom. No other organization in the world compares to our democratic process. Bill W. wrote in Concept I: "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services."

It was in my homegroup that I learned about service, first I made coffee opened the room and set up chairs, then I became the secretary. Eventually I was elected as my homegroups GSR and my world got so much bigger. The Steps, the Traditions and the Concepts all fit together from the individual alcoholic to the groups, to our General Service Organization (GSO). All so we can get sober, stay sober, and be there for the alcoholic sufferer.

If you are not sure what General Service is and you want to know more, we invite you to attend our District meeting, or reach out to me I'm happy to tell you all about the joys of General Service work. Come trudge this road of happy destiny with us!

Ultimately our reason for service comes down to the Responsibility Statement.

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.

In Love & Service,

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