

# Intergroup Newsletter

## News from Flagstaffs Intergroup

Preamble, The following shall comprise the general warranties of the flagstaff intergroup, hereinafter referred to as "intergroup", in all its proceedings. Intergroup shall observe the spirit of A.A. Traditions and concepts, taking great care: That intergroup never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power. That sufficient operating funds, plus amply reserve, are its prudent financial principal. That none of the intergroup members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the members. That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. That no intergroup action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy. That though intergroup may act for the service of A.A groups in the Flagstaff area, it shall never perform any acts of government. That like the society of A.A., intergroup will always remain democratic in thought and action.



## Central office

Stop by the office to pick up literature, meeting lists, or to volunteer with various Intergroup functions like the A.A. hotline, etc.

The Central Office is located at the Flagstaff Alano Club, 2102 E. Third Ave.

Hotline number: (928) 779-3569

Office hours: Tue 11:00-1:00 / Thur. 4:00-7:00/ Fri 5:00-7:30 / Sun 10:00-Noon

Central Office can use your help, if your interested. Please contact Central Office if interested.

November & December Events, Save The Date...

ASCYPAA Host  
Committee  
Elections  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8 PM  
If you haven't heard  
the young peoples  
conference will be in  
Flag Aug. 2012

Christmas Eve  
and Christmas  
Day Marathon  
Meetings  
  
@ The Alano  
Club

Keep a look out  
for more events  
in the flagstaff  
area, and show  
your support!!!

## Step 12 Tradition 12

### 12<sup>th</sup> Step

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

### 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of

***Does your home group  
have an Intergroup  
representative?***

**NO?? Participate!**

**Be a part of more than  
your home group!**

**DONATIONS TO FLAGSTAFF  
INTERGROUP:**

Your donations can go to 'Intergroup' or to 'Intergroup Literature Fund'. Please state your preference when making your donation so that your funds are directed appropriately. Thank you

**Intergroup wants to thank the  
Groups that made donations in  
the month of October and  
November!**

**We are self-supporting through our own  
contributions!  
The 7th tradition is alive and well...THANK  
YOU!**

**Your Local Intergroup is...**

- Local AA members who administer and coordinate local AA activities. Some of these activities include:
- Providing an area meeting list. Maintaining a website. Keeping an active 12-step list, & Publishing a newsletter
- Maintaining Flagstaff's all volunteer Central Office and literature/chip inventory & sales
- Planning special events to build unity and enjoy our sobriety.

**Open Positions in Intergroup:**  
Special Events Chair  
District Liaison  
Treasurer

The idea is in the air that AA might adopt Thanksgiving Week as a time for meetings and meditation on the Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous. The friend who hatched this notion tells you—on another page—why he thinks the idea good. I heartily agree with what he says and hope you will too. Pre-AA, we alkie could sometimes achieve that dubious state called "sobriety, period." How bleak and empty this alleged virtue is, only God or a dried-up drunk can fully testify. The reason? Of course every AA knows it: nothing has taken the place of the victim's grog; he's still a man of conflict and disunity. Comes then the 12 Steps of Recovery, bringing to him a "personality change." The shattered prospect feels reassembled; he now says he seems all one piece. We understand exactly what he means, for he describes the state of being "at oneness"; he is talking about personal unity. We know he must work to maintain it and that he can't stay alive without it. Will not the same principle hold true for AA as a whole? Isn't it also a fact that the alcoholic is in no greater peril than when he takes sobriety for granted? If vigilant practice of sound principle is a matter of life and death for him, why isn't that equally so for the AA group, and for our far-flung society itself? Yet many of us still take the basic unity of Alcoholics Anonymous for granted. We seem to forget that the whole of modern society is on a dangerous and contagious "dry bender." We evidently assume we are so different from other men and women, that disintegration can't hit us. Our unity appears as a gift of Heaven; something to be perpetually enjoyed by us AAs quite without effort. Criticism is not intended, because our present attitude is natural enough. It stems from the fact that no society in its infancy has ever enjoyed more providential protection against temptation and untoward happenings than has ours. Minor troubles we have had, but none serious enough to test our adult strength. It's not strange that we are a bit complacent and self-satisfied. Surely there need be no counsel of fear, nor lack of faith in the prediction that a far greater time of trial may yet be ours. When we think our situation through, simple prudence and foresight will tell us that. The 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are a distillate of our experience of living and working together. They apply the spirit of the 12 Recovery Steps to our group life and security. They deal with our relations with the world outside and with each other, they state our attitudes toward power and prestige, toward property and money. They would save us from tempting alliances and major controversies, they would elevate principles far above personal ambitions. And, as a token of this last, they request that we maintain personal anonymity before the open public as a protection to AA and as proof of the fact that our society intends to practice true humility. For the information of the general public and for the instruction of new AA members, the 12 Traditions have just been released in a much condensed "short form" which we hope will be as widely read and understood as the 12 Steps of Recovery. Should this happen, our current growing pains will be lessened and we shall commence to lay up a great store of insurance for the years ahead. What then could be more appropriate than to set aside Thanksgiving week for discussion of the practical and spiritual values to be discovered in our Tradition? We could thus reinforce our faith in the future by these prudent works; we could show that we deserve to go on receiving that priceless gift of "Oneness" which God in His wisdom has so freely given to us of Alcoholics Anonymous in the precious years of our infancy.

—Bill W.

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/feature/1470>

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