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What's New?

- **The New A.A. Service Manual** (brown cover) is now available online or to purchase for $5.
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) recently acquired the **Everything AA app**. This represents an exciting opportunity to make A.A. literature and other resources available in a format that reflects how people communicate and seek information today, particularly members and still-suffering alcoholics who increasingly engage with A.A. digitally (e.g. smartphone).
- A.A. World Services has provided an exciting update on the forthcoming **Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous***, affectionately known throughout the Fellowship as the Big Book.

- The hardcover edition is now on track for publication in **February 2027**and will have a list price of **$20 USD**. The A.A. World Services Board has also approved producing the hardcover with a **removable dust jacket**.
- The Fifth Edition will include **26 new personal stories of recovery**, along with a new preface and foreword and updated appendices.
- This will be the first new edition of the Big Book since the Fourth Edition was published in 2001.
- **Five Years in the Making**
- The 2026 General Service Conference Final Report provides some additional perspective on the work that went into developing the new edition. Development of the Fifth Edition was authorized by a **2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action**. Over the following five years, nearly **2,400 personal story submissions** from A.A. members were reviewed as part of the process that ultimately resulted in the selection of 26 new stories. At the 76th General Service Conference, held April 26 through May 2, 2026, Conference members were given the opportunity to read and consider the draft. Following discussion, the Conference approved publication of the Fifth Edition with minor editorial changes.
- For now, we can look forward to another chapter in the history of the book that has carried A.A.'s message of recovery around the world since its first publication in 1939.

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DISTRICT 7 WORKSHOP - AA Group Inventories

I'm Jeff and I am an alcoholic. My Home Group is the AM/Midday Modification Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Quartz Hill, California. I am an active member in District 7 as well. Just this past weekend, our District participated in the local Antelope Valley Roundup by hosting a Workshop on group inventories. Regardless of how much I think I know, I do research on topics I am to speak on, and this was no different. I contacted my Service Sponsor, and she quickly suggested one of our Past Delegates (Jeff J.) to participate in the workshop. I also asked the Santa Clarita Valley Intergroup Manager (Judy F.) to help since she is over fifty years sober. I wanted to recap the information provided in this workshop for others in our Area that were unable to attend.

Early in the 1940's there were already reports from early AA groups about difficulties they encountered. Bill W. would read each one and respond, without taking sides on their issues. This led to the creation of the "Secretary's Handbook', which would later evolve into a pamphlet titled, "The Group". By 1965 the pamphlet had become known as "The AA Group" (P-16) and included a Group Inventory. Essentially, we learned that our groups (much like us as individuals) had to occasionally take a look at ourselves to see how we're doing in our personal inventory, using the Steps as our guide. This is especially true in Step 10 as we review our day; are we practicing the principles behind each of our steps in our daily living? This review is all the more effective when we do it with our Sponsor, so we have an unbiased party to help us see the truth about ourselves. In our Home Group we utilize the Traditions in the same manner. Is our group fulfilling our Primary Purpose of helping the alcoholic that enters our door to recover through our Twelve Steps? Some groups find it helpful to ask someone from outside the group to help with this process similar to using a Sponsor in the step work. Even our Districts and Areas have proven that this inventory process is helpful. In these cases, we have used our 12 Concepts for World Service as a guide.

For those unaware, Area 93 was formed from an Area 5 motion that led to a floor action at the 50th General Service Conference in 2000. We had our first election in November of that year, and our first group inventory the very next year. One of the results from that inventory was the group visitation schedule for our Area Officers. As Bill W. would later say, there is no A.A. police to enforce our Traditions. Our experience has shown that when the Traditions are not followed, the group becomes less effective and sometimes withers and dies. Conducting an inventory is helpful to prevent us from getting in our own way!

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PI/CPC Workshop

I am Responsible for the hand of AA Always to be there:

In keeping with Tradition 5, Area 93 Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community committees held a PI/CPC workshop on July 19, 2026. The focus of the workshop was to train AA members in Area 93 to understand what Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community is, what resources and literature are available, types of activities and how to start these activities in our districts.

Planning for this event started in February 2026 at the Area 93 assembly. A planning committee was created and zoom meetings were held. It was a collaboration between several district representatives that included Spanish and English-speaking participants. An agenda, format, budget, meal, round table questions and volunteers were developed and approved. Literature focused on PI and CPC from GSO in both Spanish and English were obtained.

It was held in Aqua Dulce, CA at the Women's Club. Although the temperature was 100 degrees, the facility provided fans and AC. There were around 50 attendees. The projection was for 90 to 100 but the final for the World Cup was that day, and several attendees did not arrive. Vidas de Futbol!

The attendees at the workshop enjoyed lunch that was prepared by District 3, and initial fellowship. Although the start time for the meeting was delayed, there were initially 8 attendees on zoom. A welcome and oversight were given by Epifanio from District 3. Alfonso, our Area 93 Alternate Delegate, gave an introduction of his PI experience. Bonnie from District 22 gave an overview and history of CPC.

Next representatives from districts were invited to share their PI/CPC activities. Many good ideas and activities were brought forward which provided examples of how to provide PI and CPC information. Participants broke up into round tables and discussions were held regarding focused questions on PI and CPC. There was a lot of interest and participation at the round tables. There was also a zoom round table and although there were 2 attendees on zoom, there was good discussion in the "zoom room" as well.

Lastly, each round table shared the outcomes of the discussions regarding the assigned questions. Participants indicated they were excited to provide PI/CPC activities, information and outreach in their districts.

Interpretation was provided by Carla who made it possible to have smooth communication to all participants.

Literature was made available to take back as examples for district PI/CPC activities. Several districts shared visual PI/CPC exhibits that were created and are being used in their districts.

Overall, the workshop was well received, and participants voiced their appreciation for the information and activity suggestions.
Respectfully submitted in service,
Lisa T., PI Committee Chair

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Keeping A.A. Focused on Its Primary Purpose

by Douglas W. (webservant@aascv.org)

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

When I first read Tradition Ten, it may have sounded as though I should have no opinions. Of course, that isn't what it says. As an individual, I am a citizen of the world, a neighbor, a voter, and a member of my community. I am free to care deeply about political, religious, and social issues. The distinction is that I do not present my personal views as an opinion for Alcoholics Anonymous.

When I read the ***Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions***, I learn that A.A. has never been divided by a major public controversy. I do not take this to mean that early members were unusually peaceful. As the book honestly admits, A.A. sometimes looked like "one prodigious squabble." I have experienced A.A. members arguing over group management, disruptive personalities and even the cost of coffee brands and the size of the cups. Yet I notice that those arguments generally concerned how to help more alcoholics, rather than which political or religious cause A.A. should support.

I can recognize myself in those defects. Recovery does not automatically remove my opinions or my desire to be right. When I become emotionally attached to a position or view, I may start believing that everyone else needs to agree with me. Tradition Ten asks me to pause and remember why I am gathered with others in A.A. When a newcomer enters the room, I want to offer identification, my hope, my strength and not be an obstacle to a path toward their sobriety.

One warning that stays with me is the story of the Washingtonian Society in the *Twelve and Twelve*. I learn that, like A.A., the Washingtonians began as alcoholics helping one another and grew beyond 100,000 members. They then became involved in political reform and the temperance movement. Within a few years, they had "completely lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics" (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 178).

Their experience helps me understand how even a worthy cause could distract the Fellowship from its primary purpose.

In a modern situation, we might hear someone suggest that an A.A. group endorse a candidate, campaign or public petition, maybe not in their share, but they are wearing statements on their clothing. For example, I wore a hat my daughter gave me of a young men's professional hockey team from Portland, and it looked similar to the mascot of the local high school in California. At a local meeting a member mentioned I was aligning with the old mascot; I had no idea what it was about and never wore that hat again to a meeting. I may personally support a cause, but attaching my A.A. responsibility to a cause could make another suffering alcoholic feel unwelcome. To me, protecting our unity is more important than sharing on how I see the world.

One thing that still bothers me in meetings is when they say, "Are there any A.A. or non-A.A. announcements?" Why should we use a meeting to support non-A.A. announcements?

Tradition Ten gives me a practical principle: **Am I speaking for myself, or am I claiming to speak for A.A.?** It also reminds me that restraint is not indifference. I can fulfill my responsibilities as a citizen of the world while protecting the Fellowship that helped save my life.

I don't need A.A. members to agree with me on every issue. We need unity to keep the doors open and carry the A.A. message. By supporting A.A.'s decision to stay out of public controversy, I can help keep Alcoholics Anonymous available to any alcoholic.

~ Tradition 10 ~

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General Service Board of United States/Canada
Pacific Regional Forum 2026

December 4-6, 2026 • Wyndham San Diego, CA

You're Invited!

Join us for the 2026 Pacific Regional Forum—an opportunity for A.A. members and anyone interested in A.A. to connect, learn, and share.

Purpose of Regional Forums

Regional Forums strengthen communication and trust among A.A. members, the General Service Board, General Service Office staff, AA Grapevine/La Viña staff, and more.

Program Highlights

Presentations, workshops, and panels
Sharing sessions for questions, comments, and discussion
Moderated by the Pacific Regional Trustee
Sample Program: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/regional-forum-sample-program-en.pdf

Interpretation:

Interpretation will be provided through an AI tool. Please bring a mobile device and ear buds or headset.

Registration

Registration is FREE and opens October 2, 2026. Pre-registration is encouraged; on-site registration will also be available. **https://www.aa.org/event/2026-pacific-regional-forum**

Hotel Information

Wyndham San Diego
1355 N Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101
Room Rate: $219, (book by October 2, 2026)

Booking: https://book.passkey.com/go/2026AAWS Group Code : AA022026SD **Call In Reservations**: 800-996-3426 Mention "2026 Pacific Regional Forum"

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Central Coast Round-up

Veterans Hall Santa Maria, 313 Tunnell St.

2026 Schedule of Events

Friday Nov. 20

3:00 pm	Registration Opens	Courtyard
3:00 pm	Hospitality Opens	Studio Room
4:00-7:00 pm	Marathon Meetings	Community Hall
7:00-8:15	Speaker- Jason V. - Ojai	Main Hall
8:30-9:30	Ice Cream Social/ Karaoke	Main Hall

Saturday Nov. 21

8:00am	Hospitality Opens	Studio Room
8:00am-6:00pm	Marathon Meetings	CommunityHall
11:30 am	Al-Anon Luncheon(potluck)	Main Hall
12:30 pm	Al- Anon Speaker-	Main Hall
1:30-2:30 pm	Al-Anon Basket Raffle	Main Hall
3:00-4:00	H & I Panel	Main Hall
4:30-6:00 pm	BBQ Dinner	Main Hall
6:00pm	Sobriety Countdown	Main Hall
6:15-7:30	Speaker- Darrin P. - Santa Barbara	Main Hall
7:30-10:30	Marathon Meetings	Community Hall
7:30-10:30	Entertainment- DJ	Main Hall

Sunday Nov. 22

8:00 am	Hospitality Opens	Studio Room
8:00am-9 am.	Marathon Meeting.	Community Hall
9:30 am	Closing Spiritualty Meeting	Main Hall
	Speaker- Niecie C. - Santa Barbara	

https://www.centralcoastroundup.org/wp/