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Visit Our Website. Just want a meeting or other A.A. information? Check out the expanded Ventura County website. www.aaventuracounty.org	of our own authority and resp First of all, Dr. Bob transfer service to me. In New York w our world service center cons trusted nonalcoholic friends small trusteeship of A.A. men
Ventura County Central Service Office Inc. 321 N. Aviador Street, Suite 115 Camarillo, Ca. 93010	At first the Trustees of our little, however, they were obl discharge these on any perm sponding authority as fast as For example, in 1940, a year
24 Hour Telephones (805) 389-1444 (800) 990-7550 Fax (805) 389-2912	that this great new asset had ership of Works Publishing, I ize) was turned over to the Bo Nearly all the income from that we had set up for A.A. Th

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### **CONCEPT II**

groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Serlereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the ir world services and thereby made the Conference — except-Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter e and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

cepts from the Twelve Concepts of World Service pages 10-12 printed with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

chousands of A.A. groups and the many thousands of A.A. members, er the globe, cannot of themselves actually manage and conduct our e group conscience is out there among them, and so are the needed ups and members to alter their world service structure and to criticize reme. They have all of the final responsibility and authority that there eirs; they really own it. This has been true ever since the groups took old-timers at St. Louis in 1955.

and responsibility in the A.A. groups for world services — if that is all of amount to anything. Nothing could be accomplished on that basis we action, the groups must delegate the actual operational authority to es who are fully empowered to speak and to act for them. The group t be heard unless a properly chosen Conference were fully trusted to matters of world service. Hence the principle of amply delegated au-"trusted servants" must be implicit from the top to the bottom of our his is the clear implication of A.A.'s Tradition Two.

arge delegations of service authority had to be the rule. It will be reon and New York Groups authorized Dr. Bob and me to create over-all the A.A. message world-wide. Those two fledging groups gave to us the age world services. Following their action, we held both the final reate authorization to get this project underway and keep it going. On we could do little, and so we had to find trusted servants who in turn by, we found that we had to delegate to these friends a very large part ponsibility. That process of delegation was as follows:

rred nearly all of his immediate responsibility for the creation of world we stood a better chance of finding friends and funds, and we saw that sequently would have to be located in that city. I started the search for who could help, and in 1938 The Alcoholic Foundation was formed as a nbers and our nonalcoholic friends.

new Foundation took jurisdiction over money matters only. Little by liged to assume many other responsibilities, because I alone could not anent basis. Hence I gave the Trustees added responsibility and correpossible

ar after the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" was published, we all saw to be put in trust for our whole Fellowship. Therefore the stock own-Inc.\* (a publishing corporation which I had helped to separately organoard of Trustees.

Nearly all the income from the A.A. book was then needed to finance the over-all service office that we had set up for A.A. The Trustees, therefore, presently took over the primary management of office operation, because they were now responsible for the funds upon which its support depended.

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Consequently, so far as financial decisions were concerned, I became an adviser only. Another sizable chunk of my original authority was thus delegated. When, in 1941, the A.A. groups began to send contributions to The Alcoholic Foundation for the support of our over-all service office, the Trustees' control of our world service monies became complete.

After some time it became apparent that A.A.'s public relations, a vital matter indeed, could not continue to be entrusted to me alone. Therefore the A.A. groups were asked to give the Trustees of the Foundation complete control in this critical area. Later on, the Trustees took jurisdiction over our national magazine, "The A.A. Grapevine," which had been separately organized by another group of volunteers.

Thus it went with every one of our world services. still functioned in an advisory capacity in our Headquarters operation, but the Board of Trustees was in full legal charge of all our affairs. As Dr. Bob and I looked to the future, it was clear that ample delegation to the Board was the only possible way.

Notwithstanding these delegations, Dr. Bob and I did quite properly feel that we still held an ultimate responsibility to A.A., and to the future, for the proper organization and structuring of our A.A. world services. If anything were to go wrong with them, we would be held accountable, because the groups still looked to us, rather than to their then little known Trustees, for leadership in A.A.'s world affairs.

In the course of these developments the great difference between ultimate and immediate service authority became apparent.

As early as 1945 it began to be evident that the cofounders' ultimate responsibility and authority for services should never be wholly vested in a Board of Trustees. Certainly our Trustees must be given a large share of the active and immediate responsibility. But the ultimate and final responsibility which Dr. Bob and I still possessed simply could not be transferred to a selfappointing Board which was relatively unknown among A.A.'s as a whole. But where, then, would our ultimate responsibility for world services finally be lodged? And what would become of my own leadership in world service matters? A.A.'s history now shows where the ultimate authority finally went. At St. Louis it went from Dr. Bob and me to the A.A. groups themselves.

But the groups' acceptance of ultimate service authority and responsibility was not enough. No matter what authority the groups had, they could not meet their new responsibilities until they had actually delegated most of the active ones. It was precisely in order to meet this need that the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous was given the general responsibility for the maintenance of A.A.'s world services and so became the service conscience for A.A. as a whole.

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	The Results Department	
	by Dana M	
	In the Results department Is not where I belong It's there my "thinking motives" Are often all quite wrong.	
	If left to my Directing And this life became "My show" I'd be living in a lie And for sure I wouldn't grow	
	All living thing have instincts To have a purpose and to give But when I'm gripped with fear I simply cannot live	
	Self-centered, so afraid Self- righteous and all alone I begin to direct my life From a comfy self-pity throne	
	I isolate and believe I've been forgotten all about Self- reliance starts its rein And this produces much more doubt	
	I must just keep it simple And enjoy my humble pie For without some true humility I know that I would die	
	So, I ask God in the morning Would you please help me to see That it's in Your will (not mine) That leads me to Serenity	
	he Humor Col We're Not a Glun	umn n Lot"
Did you hear there's a 12 step program for family mem- bers of people who talk too much? It's called On and On An-on!		

A snake walks into a bar and orders 2 double shots of whiskey. The bartender says, "I can't serve you – you can't hold your liquor!"

A guy walks into a bar with a piece of asphalt tucked underneath his arm. Bartender says, "What can I get you?" The man says, "A shot of Jack Daniels and one for the road!"

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### 2016 Profit & Loss Vs Projections

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	Office Supplies and Expense Payroll Expense	4,830.77	4,500.00	
	Health Insurance	4,991.76	4,991.76	
	Payroll Processing Fees	399.96	470.00	
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A.A. Desert Pow Wow June 8-11 Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa www.desertpowwow.com

<u>The Ventura County Central Office</u> has listings and flyers of many other AA related events in Southern California and throughout the United States. Call 805-389-1444 or drop by to see us even if it's only for a cup of coffee. www.aaventuracounty.org Wed 1st 6:00 pm District 13 GSR Meeting @ Ventura Center for Spiritual Living @ 101 S. Laurel, Ventura

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Thu 2nd 7:00 pm Inter-group Board Meeting @ Central Office

Wed 8th 7:00 pm Inter-group Meeting @ The Buck 321 N Aviador Suite 111, Camarillo

Sat 11th 10:00 am Newsletter Stuff and Fold @ Central Office

- Sun 12th12:00 pmVCYPAA Committee Mtg @ Central Office3:30 pmVCAAC Committee Mtg @ The Buck5.30 pmH & I Committee Mtg @ Central Office7:00 pmH& I Board Meeting @ Central Office
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## A Review of Tradition # 2

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Oldtimers?

Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with the AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibilities?

Do I look for credit in my AA jobs, praise for my AA ideas?

Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?

Although I have been sober for a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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Exactly as Dr. Bob and I earlier had found it necessary to delegate a large part of our active authority to the Trustees, so have the A.A. groups since found it necessary to delegate these same powers to their General Service Conference. The final say — the ultimate sanction in matters of large importance — has not been given to the Trustees alone. By the Conference Charter, confirmed at St. Louis, this authority is now delegated to the A.A. groups and thence to their Conference, a body which is a representative cross section of our entire Fellowship.

Therefore the General Service Conference of A.A. — plus any later formed sections — has become for nearly every practical purpose the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs

In making this momentous transfer, we old-timers deeply hope that we have avoided those pitfalls into which societies have so often fallen because their originators have failed, during their lifetimes, to properly delegate and distribute their own authority, responsibility and leadership

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# Living Step # 2

### "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

The moment they read Step two, most A.A. newcomers are confronted with a dilemma, sometimes a serious one. How often have we heard them cry out, "Look what you people have done to us! You have convinced us that we are alcoholics and that are lives are unmanageable. Having reduced us to a state of absolute helplessness, you now declare that none but a Higher Power can remove our obsession. Some of us won't believe in God, others can't, and still others who do believe that God exists have no faith whatever He will perform this miracle. Yes, you have us over the barrel, all right ... but where do we go from here.

Therefore, Step two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this Step. True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every A.A. meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him.

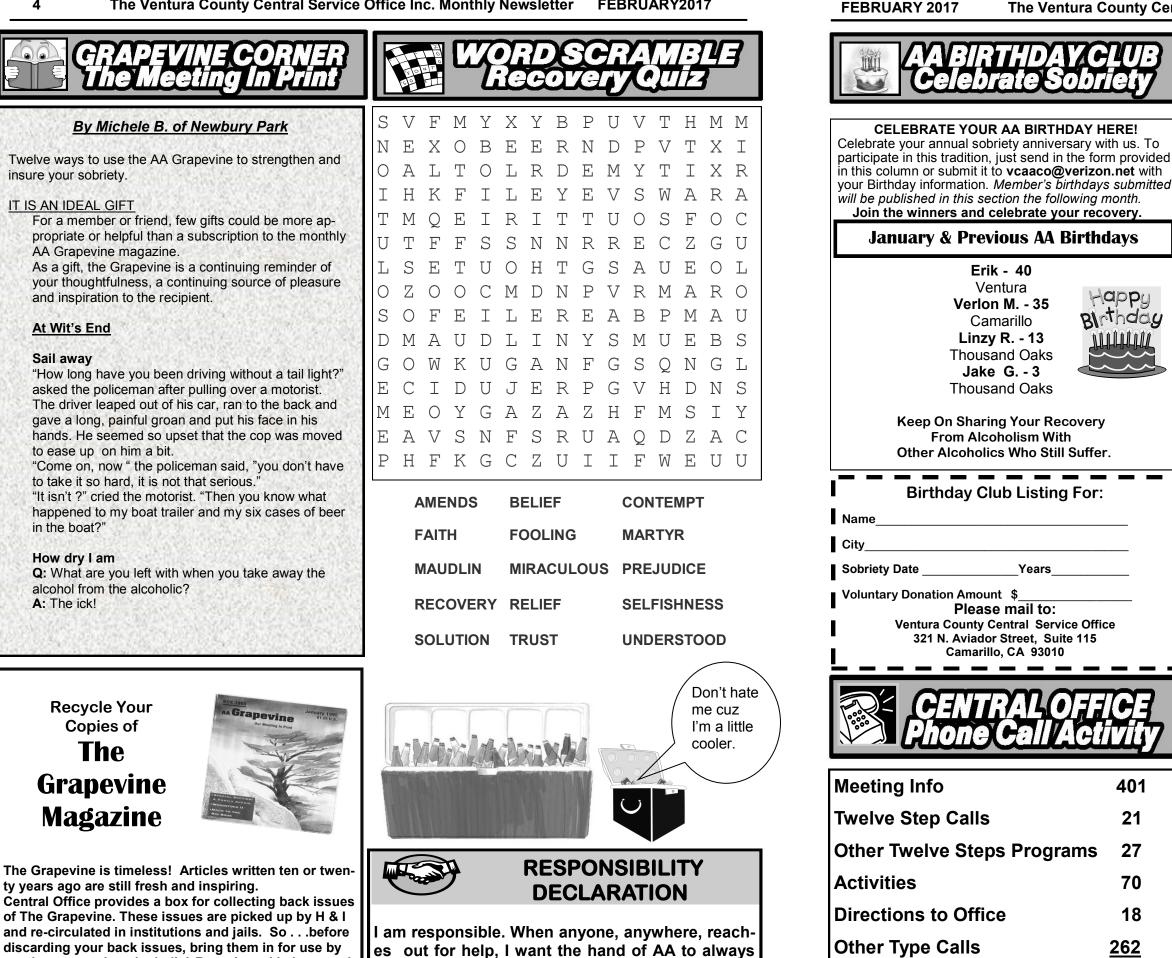


A piece of bacon and a couple of eggs walk into a bar. Bartender says, "Sorry – we don't serve breakfast here!"

There's this juggler who's driving on the way to a job when he gets pulled over by a cop for speeding. The cop sees three bowling pins on the seat next to him and asks him what they're for. The juggler proceeds to take the bowling pins out of the car and begins juggling hoping the policeman will be entertained and won't give him a ticket. Then a recovering alcoholic drives by with his wife. Upon seeing the juggler standing in front of the cop juggling, the recovering alcoholic says, "Man, I'm sure glad I stopped drinking – Look what they're making you do now for a sobriety test!"

I saw this wino, he was eating grapes. I was like, "Dude, you have to wait a while!

Wife sent me our shopping and said I should buy something to make her look pretty, so I got 2 bottles of gin and a case of beer. The divorce is final tomorrow.



to be there. And for that; I am Responsible.

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another recovering alcoholic! Recycle and help spread

recovery!

		AATRIVIA QUESTION Of The Month
4	Q	FEBRUARY QUESTION: There were no correct answers submitted for January's trivia question, so it will remain for another month. In what year and why did A.A.W.S. stop using the Circle and Triangle on literature?
	A	JANUARY ANSWER:
1	The	wers will be published the following month. Mail your answer to: Ventura County Central Service Office Inc., 321 N. Aviador Street, Suite 115, Camarillo, Ca. 93010. correct answer will win a free one-year subscription to this publi- ion. If the winner already has a subscription, a gift subscription will be awarded to another member — winner's choice.
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