

# Orange County Intergroup

Orange AAid

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## Long form of the 9th Tradition

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

# September Anniversaries

<u>Greenwood Lake</u>		<u>Cup &amp; Saucer</u>	<u>Our Primary Purpose Group</u>
Alex 90 Days	Wendy 1		
Gina 1	Danielle 2	Barry C. 5	
Dave 2	Nicole 3	Cynthia 22	Julia 90 Days
Esler 4	Jack 11		Marci 24
Susan 28	Patrick 31		



## Phone Service

We have two open dates which are September 6th & 23rd - Any group interested in filling those dates please contact the Phone Service Chair.

The 6th of every month is open. If any group wishes to fulfill this commitment please notify the chair.

Any changes in phone service reps please notify chair with contact info.

A special thanks to Anna and The Amazing Grace Group for covering the 6th of every month for quite sometime!

# Upcoming Events

**Join us! The SENY Area Assembly will be hosted by Orange County at Orange County Community College in Middletown NY September 14th  
8:15am– 3:15pm**

**General Service needs your help! Contact our Alt DCMC Patrick L. or the DCMC Frank D.**

**845-208-1556 & 917-450-9902**

Come Celebrate Highland Falls 69th Group  
Anniversary!

Tuesday September 17th, 2019

Church Of The Holy Innocents

401 Main Street

Highland Falls NY, 10928

6:30 Food

7:30 Speaker

# From The Community

## Short form of the 9th Tradition

*A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Tradition Nine is something that is often not considered in its fullness. We are told that there is no organization, yet there is organization. It seems like a contradiction but it is not. The service structure of A.A. is such that, in the end, the groups themselves decide how things are run. Those serving on committees and boards are not the rulemakers and do not pronounce what is good for Alcoholics Anonymous. Yet they have a purpose.

When we look to the group, members come together to decide what is group conscious. That allows the group itself to have some level of organization. Part of what is decided is in regard to the way A.A. works, about what literature is considered to be worthwhile and purchased for sale in the group. The decisions we make are, as can be heard in meetings, “for the good of A.A.” What does that mean? “Alcoholics Anonymous” is not a single meeting, or even several meetings. It is all members of our fellowship to found around the world. That means that decisions we make ought not solely consider our own needs, but also those around us.

Given how far-reaching our decisions might be, how do we come together to decide what is best not just for our individual groups but for A.A. worldwide? Groups need to find a way for communication to take place. We might be able to speak directly with other groups in our area, maybe even our state. What about other parts of the world? To this end each group elects a trusted servant to relay to what we believe is best to a service board.

Recently, there was a delegates questionnaire that asked more group conscience in regard to proposed changes in A.A. literature. The group would answer the questions, the information would be reported up the service structure and decisions could then be made about the direction of Alcoholics Anonymous. In that way, the group is making decisions with the larger AA and passing on our ideas to AA World Services for them to vote on our behalf, based on what we had to say. Without these service boards in place, AA has no common ground and a newcomer might visit meetings in California and New York but hear different messages. Service boards and committees are, therefore, servants of the group and together decide what constitutes “the good of AA”.

-Dan M  
Orange County

## *Orange County Intergroup*

1st Thursday of the month  
St. John's Church, Murray Ave  
Goshen NY at 7pm

## *Bookers Meeting*

1st Thursday in Dec, March, June &  
Sept  
St. John's Church, Murray Ave  
Goshen NY at 6pm

## *Orange County General Service Meeting*

3rd Tuesday of the month  
Hamptonburg Presbyterian Church - rt  
207 Campbell Hall at 7pm

## *Institutions & Phone Service*

1st Thursday of the month  
St. John's Church, Murray Ave Goshen NY

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