



THE MESSENGER

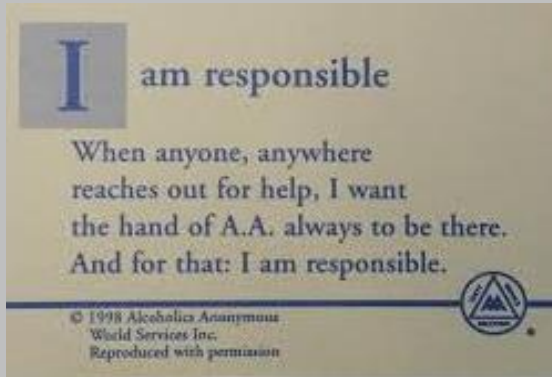
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Serving Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties

*Turn the M.E.
up side down to
make a W.F.
Grapevine Sept 1985*

The 9th Spiritual Principal RESPONSIBILITY



Author, Al S. a former A.A. trustee. Written for the 1965 International Convention in Toronto.

"...We must remember that AA will continue strong only so long as each of us freely and happily gives it away to another person, only as each of us takes our fair share of responsibility for sponsorship of those who still suffer, for the growth and integrity of our Group, for our Intergroup activities, and for AA as a whole.

It is in taking responsibility that real freedom and the enduring satisfactions of life are found. AA has given us the power to choose – to drink or not to drink – and in doing so has given us the freedom to be responsible for ourselves. As we become responsible for ourselves, we are free to be responsible for our share in AA, and unless we happily accept this responsibility we lose AA. Strange, isn't it?

Dr. Jack Norris, souvenir book for the 1965 International Convention

Not all of us are willing or wired to take on service positions beyond being a member of A.A. and doing our best to carry the message to other suffering alcoholics. Yet, it is also a suggestion that many sponsors pass on.

However, you may be surprised just how incredible it is to be involved in other areas of service.

**"Giving back" "Pass it on" "Go to any lengths"
"Thy will be done" "What was so freely given"**

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING HELD IN SEP & OCT

Not all positions are open, but to find out more, go to the meetings to see how you can be of service.

See back page for time and location.

District 2 on the third Saturday of month
Jackson County Intergroup on 1st Saturday of month
Lenawee Intergroup on 3rd Sunday of month

DCM: The District Committee Member (DCM) reports information from GSR's to Area meetings.

Alt. DCM: Available when DCM is not

Secretary: Attends the groups business meetings, takes notes, types up minutes and reads minutes at next business meetings.

Treasurer: Maintains records of all monies in and out of the group. Pays bills and reimbursements.

Intergroup Chair: helps to maintain a partnership among groups in a community

Intergroups Rep: attends a monthly meeting in their area to let the meeting know what is happening in theirs.

GSR Rep attends business meeting of home group and takes information to the district. They also attend Area Meetings to be involved in Area decisions, bringing the consensus of their group.

Accessibilities/Special Needs: Committee serves to assist those who have significant barriers that must be overcome to ensure full participation in A.A. (i.e., deaf, blind, wheelchair bound).

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Works to inform professionals who are likely to encounter problems drinkers, about A.A.
Public Information (PI): works to convey A.A. information to the general public.

Corrections: Works to carry the A.A. message of recovery to incarcerated alcoholics.

Treatment: Works to carry the A.A. message into treatment setting where there may be suffering alcoholics

Bridging the Gap: to get those leaving treatment facilities to their first meeting outside

Grapevine Representative – who familiarizes members with the Fellowship's international journal- also known as a meeting in print.

Anyone is able to attend intergroup, district and area meetings, you do not have to be an elected member. Everyone is encouraged to attend and see how things work and also, it can give you a feel for the different committee's and what they're about if you're looking to be of service outside of your home group.