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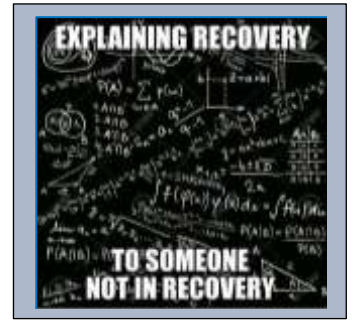


## THE MESSENGER

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### **UPCOMING IN THE NEXT YEAR:**

Each month, groups will be recognized by the month they started. Please send any history facts, tidbits, funny stories to be noted in THE MESSENGER of their month. I need to receive it in the *first two weeks of the month BEFORE* to be able to get into the pages, ie; January groups by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Please send any info to [moira.detroit@gmail.com](mailto:moira.detroit@gmail.com).

The following January groups are listed in our District 2 Registrar:

**Freedom Group, Manitou Beach Group, Serenity House, and Grass Lake Group.**

It is the responsibility of your group to keep group information current with the District 2 Registrar. If your group is not listed for January, please contact the DCM or Alternate DCM, listed on the back page: Justin S. or Don D. or [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org)

### **Tradition 10**

#### **Short form**

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

#### **Long form**

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

### ***SMF-131 Traditions Checklist from A.A. Grapevine.org***

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? Prescribed medications? Other drugs? Other 12-Step programs? Vitamins? Al-Anon? The federal or state government?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression that I'm stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
5. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
6. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? inside AA?
7. Should the meeting secretary intervene to remind AA members about this Tradition if a member starts criticizing one political party compared to others or favoring a religion over others?

**JULY 1991** The Beauty of Tradition Ten: it allows us to concentrate on what we have in common.  
**BY: MATT F. | BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

Sobriety in AA is the first thing in my life that has really worked. I'm grateful to fellow AAs who've shown me how not to drink on a daily basis, and to alcoholics I've never met who established our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service. When I live these principles to the best of my ability, they keep me sober and in touch with the God of my understanding.

I'm especially grateful for Tradition Ten, where it is suggested that AA groups never get involved in the messy business of debating outside issues. The wonderful "extra" implied by this Tradition is that I, as an individual recovering alcoholic, am free to simply enjoy sobriety in AA, without having to defend my position on *any* outside issue....Angry debate of things over which we have no power can only serve to split us.

*The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA pp. 118-119*

"I need my home group to be a place where I can learn to practice the principles embodied in the Twelve Steps with other alcoholics. This sets in motion my willingness to practice these principles in all my affairs, including my home life."

*Vinton, Iowa, August 2001, From: "Spiritual Coffee-making", Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier*

**A.A.'s RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT** I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.