



DISTRICT 48 NEWSLETTER

In loving memory of Russ

November 2014

SPIRIT OF ROTATION

“Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere.” Bill W.

December 2014 marks the end of a general service representative’s two-year commitment to their home group and District 48. By now alternate GSRs will have served for two years as well and, all going well, will step into the GSR position beginning January 1, 2015.

For those wishing to become more involved, there are many opportunities to do so. There are currently 16 committees at the District level and you do not necessarily need to be a GSR to participate.

The following are some of Bill’s ideals regarding the spirit of rotation as written in the Grapevine, October 1947.

AA may be able to function upon the power of its own fundamental principles rather than upon the prestige or inspiration of a highly personalized leadership. Thus the *whole* can become of transcending importance over any part; continued unity and success can then mostly depend upon God as we understand him working vitally in thousands of hearts rather than a few.

Deep down, I think we AAs have begun to sense this magnificent possibility. The widening conviction that active leadership ought to be transitory and rotating; that each AA group with respect to its own affairs need be accountable only to its own conscience; that our committees and boards are really *servants*, not officials; that we, as a movement, ought to remain poor, so avoiding the risks of disrupting wealth; that as individual members of AA we should remain anonymous before the general public—these are signs and portents of a unique future. Such concepts certainly leave little room for a prestige-clothed leadership.

Contact AA Online:

www.district48.org

www.aa.org

www.area59aa.org

www.aagrapevine.org

By Phone:

Local: 570-327-2860

By Mail:

G.S.O.

PO Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

**For strength and hope
for friends and families
of problem drinkers:**

Al-Anon Online:

[www.al-](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)

anon.alateen.org

2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

You may register online through www.aa.org. Preregistration Fee is \$100. Housing information will be included with your confirmation after you have registered and will be on first come, first serve basis due to the number of hotel rooms available in Atlanta, GA.

Wishing You Joy

Joy: Feelings of GREAT happiness or pleasure, ESPECIALLY of an elevated spiritual kind; A pleasurable aspect of something or source of happiness; to *delight* in something.

Joy is an essential spiritual practice growing out of *faith, grace, gratitude, hope* and *love*. It is pure and simple delight in being *alive*. Joy is our elated response to feelings of happiness, experiences of pleasure, and awareness of abundance. It is also the deep satisfaction we know when we are able TO SERVE OTHERS and be glad for their good fortune.

Life is not meant to be endured; it is to be *enjoyed*.



OUR TREASURER JUST RAN OFF WITH THE MONEY!

Has this happened to your home group? Have you ever wondered what you can do about it? Unfortunately it does happen. It happened to my very first home group.

Another frequently asked question about home-group finances is, "*How do we obtain a tax number for our group checking account?*"

These and many more questions can be answered by using **A.A. Guidelines for Finance** which can be obtained by contacting G.S.O. or by going online to www.aa.org.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jacky H. 10/27/14 18 years!

Sue M. 10/22/14 27 Years!

Nicole 11/11/14 5 Years!

Diana B. 11/4/14 18 Years!

Lindsey E. 11/13/14 2 Years!

Laura R. 11/17/14 1 Year!

Cindy B. 11/22/14 17 Years!

Tracey T. 11/18/14 6 Years!

Cindy H. 11/20/14 5 Years!

Kiya 11/10/14 2 Years!

*Correction with my apologies from October Newsletter: Janine had 6 years on 10/11/14!
And on October 1, 2014, Ellen had 10 years!*