



# The Alternative

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## Announcements:

**LEESPORT GROUP OF AA---Invites you to a "Start Your Day Over with Pancakes" Meeting. February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8 PM, when pancakes and breakfast foods will be served... (clean-up @ 9) and special OPEN meeting @ 9:30PM. Located at Trinity UCC Church, Rt. 61 (next to the car wash)**

**District 33 HAS MOVED!! New location is: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 117 Arch Str., Fleetwood Pa 19522--SAME DAY—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and SAME TIME—7 PM. Come on out and catch the "service smile" (the district 'inventory' is being planned for February)**

**Next Intergroup Meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

***\*\*Reading Intergroup has no outside affiliations. We exist as a central office to serve Alcoholics Anonymous groups in the Reading area\*\******ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND INTERGROUP MEETINGS.** Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm, at Calvary Baptist Church 510 Park Ave. (intersection of Grace & Park). See your group's representative for Intergroup meeting minutes. See you at the NEXT MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## 12<sup>th</sup> Step Commitments

Caron Adolescent Extended Care – <b>MEN</b> Sunday @ 7:00 PM		Caron Adolescent Extended Care – <b>WOMEN</b> Sunday @ 7:00 PM		St. Joe's Hosp. MH Unit 3 <sup>rd</sup> FL Reed & Walnut Entrance Mondays @ 7:30 PM	
	FLU SEASON		FLU SEASON	2/3	French Creek
				2/10	Reading BB Study
				2/17	Women living Sober
				2/24	Shillington Lifeline
				StJoe's***ALWAYS CALL AHEAD!!!*** =====	
Wernersville State Hosp. See Guard in Building 34 Monday @ 7:00 PM		Reading Detox Unit Tuesday @ 8:00 PM		<b>Reading Spruce Pavilion</b> <b>Wednesday 7:00 PM</b>	
2/3	Robesonia	2/4	New Life	2/5	New Millenium
2/10	Walk the Walk	2/11	Alpha	2/12	Nolde Forest
2/17	CLOSED	2/18	Gibraltar	2/19	Alpha
2/24	Sun AM Speakers	2/25	Happy Hour	2/26	Walk the Walk
2/3					
Reading Detox Unit Thursday @ 8:00 PM		Caron Foundation Young Adult <b>Female</b> Friday @ 7:00PM			
2/6	Leesport		FLU SEASON		
2/13	Birdsboro				
2/20	Hilltop				
2/27	YASNY				

**Step 2.** Came to believe in a Power greater than ourselves who could restore us to sanity. A.A. literature makes it clear that Alcoholics Anonymous is not a religion. It possesses no theology or dogma to be swallowed by anyone. In addition to using the term, God, the Big Book also refers to our Father, our Creator, the Spirit of the Universe, the Great Reality deep down within us, our Power, and many other names. When AA literature is translated into other languages, the name of God is translated also. He is called Dios, Gott, Yahweh, etc.....

Be assured, though, that God knows what His name is. You don't need to be so arrogant as to tell it to Him. Perhaps you might ask Him directly which name is best for you to use. Whatever name seems right to you is the one you should adopt for your intimate relationship with your Higher Power; but, when it comes to discussing your Spiritual Power with others, you also may wish to use the term, "God", strictly as a matter of convenience in communicating with your fellow alcoholics....

**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.” AA found it needs little need for man-made rules or regulations despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will almost surely demonstrate its dependability



## WHAT A CONCEPT!!!!!!!!!! (OR: WHAT'S A CONCEPT??)

**Concept II:** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

- Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the "Conference")?
- What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

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When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

Considering the fact that we as AA groups have "final responsibility and ultimate authority" to manage AA service and affairs. We want to take a moment and realize how vitally important this is, humbling comes to mind, also overwhelming if we let it.

With concept 2 we delegate our leader role to a General Service Conference.

We elect our GSR (The Guardian of our traditions), they faithfully attend our district meetings, elect our delegates, send them to the annual conference meeting carrying our actual voice and collective conscience.

So it extremely important that we stay informed to make decisions that are best for our society as a whole.

Bob C.

As editor of the *Alternative*, I personally invite questions or comments so we all can better understand these concepts

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