

**The Update**  
**January-February**

**Twelve Concepts**  
**Concept Two**

**“The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice of the effective conscience of our whole Society in world affairs.”**

**When A.A. was first starting, Dr. Bob and Bill W. had extensive responsibility and authority over how AA was set up and operated. In St. Louis in 1955 at the General Service Conference this was placed with AA groups that delegated their authority to the Conference through the selection of chosen representatives who are fully empowered to speak and act for them. As Bill W. said, “ The principle of amply delegated authority and responsibility to trusted servants must be implicit from the top to the bottom of our active structure of service. This is the clear implications of A. A. s Tradition Two.**

## Home Groups

**Imagine that you are in physical therapy after a hip replacement. You're home from the hospital, and you're well enough to be up and dressed, but too sore and too tired to attend your usual meetings. After a few weeks, you start to feel lonely and disconnected from the fellowship you've come to count on in Alcoholics Anonymous. Is there a solution? Absolutely! The first place to turn is to your home group. That's where you'll find other sober members of AA who have the willingness to come to your home and bring a meeting. This really works; I've seen it over and over again meeting. We're encouraged to establish ties to a particular group where we feel comfortable, accept commitments, and become known to our fellows. It seems to me that's just the beginning; my home group is the one that's known me for years, through good times, bad times, wobbly times, and spiritual growth. That's where I can ask for the help I need and feel confident of the answer.**

## Honesty

**We have come to believe that AAs recovery steps and traditions represent approximate truths which we need for our particular purpose. The more we practice them, the more we like them, So there is little doubt that A.A. principles will continue will be advocated in the form they stand. If our basics are so firmly fixed as all this, then what is there left to change or improve? The answer will immediately occur to us. While we need not alter our truths, we can surely approve their application to ourselves, to AA as a whole, and to our relations with the world around us. We can constantly step up the practice of “ these principles in all of our affairs. “**

## March Birthdays

<b>Leo T.</b>	<b>Beginners Reflections</b>	<b>March 3, 2008</b>
<b>Jeff V.</b>	<b>High Noon</b>	<b>March 3, 2015</b>
<b>Chipper R.</b>	<b>Forest Lakeside</b>	<b>March 3, 1994</b>
<b>Sharon W.</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>	<b>March 3, 1997</b>
<b>Dan V.</b>	<b>Hill St. Blues</b>	<b>March 5, 1993</b>
<b>Vivian C.</b>	<b>Forest Lakeside</b>	<b>March 5, 1982</b>
<b>Lorne C.</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>	<b>March 5, 1974</b>
<b>Lenora D.</b>	<b>Bridgeview</b>	<b>March 7, 1968</b>
<b>Laurie P.</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Group</b>	<b>March 7, 1988</b>
<b>Randy R.</b>	<b>Hill St. Blues</b>	<b>March 13, 2014</b>
<b>Lori F.</b>	<b>Hub Group</b>	<b>March 14, 2015</b>
<b>Stan S.</b>	<b>Freedom Group</b>	<b>March 20, 2011</b>
<b>Ron C.</b>	<b>Lambton Central</b>	<b>March 22, 1989</b>
<b>Leo C.</b>	<b>Lambton Central</b>	<b>March 22, 1975</b>
<b>Tim S.</b>	<b>Mens Group</b>	<b>March 26, 1986</b>

## April Birthdays

<b>Butch M.</b>	<b>Hub Group</b>	<b>April1, 1978</b>
<b>Bob D.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>April1, 1984</b>
<b>Jack S.</b>	<b>Forest Lakeside</b>	<b>April 1, 1966</b>
<b>Gary M.</b>	<b>Hub Group</b>	<b>April 3, 1991</b>
<b>Ian S.</b>	<b>Hub Group</b>	<b>April3, 1991</b>
<b>Janine M.</b>	<b>Monday Morning</b>	<b>April 4, 2011</b>
<b>Mary Jo C.</b>	<b>Monday Morning</b>	<b>April5, 1994</b>
<b>Mary C.</b>	<b>Bridgeview</b>	<b>April 5, 1993</b>
<b>Line M.</b>	<b>Forest Lakeside</b>	<b>April 6, 2003</b>
<b>Bo O.</b>	<b>High Noon</b>	<b>April 15, 1978</b>
<b>Julie K.</b>	<b>Came to Believe</b>	<b>April 21, 2016</b>
<b>Kim McM.</b>	<b>Thedford</b>	<b>April 24, 2014</b>
<b>Brian W.</b>	<b>Mens Group</b>	<b>April 24, 2010</b>
<b>Christine D.</b>	<b>Watford Group</b>	<b>April 25, 2015</b>
<b>John B.</b>	<b>Forest Lakeside</b>	<b>April 25, 2013</b>
<b>Lynne W.</b>	<b>Serenity by the Lake</b>	<b>April 29, 2004</b>