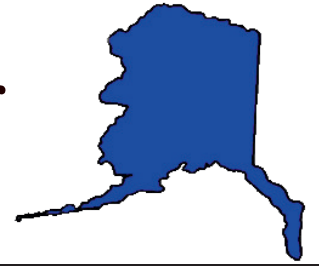




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Anchorage Area Newsletter

July 2016



Tradition of the Month: Tradition 7

An NA group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.

By encouraging our group to pay its own way, the Seventh Tradition gives our group the freedom to share its recovery as it sees fit, not obligated to outside contributors.

Further, it gives our group the freedom that comes from inner strength, the strength that develops through applying spiritual principles

Source: 12 Tradition Summary, na.org

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/IDT/2012_12Traditions.pdf

Welcome to the NA Newsletter!

We are currently looking for submissions. If you have stories, wisdom, humor, events, photos (No faces!), or announcements that you would like to share, please send them to: aknanewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for submission is 7 days before the end of the month.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep Anchorage Area Narcotics Anonymous members informed of the events and happenings of our fellowship. Every attempt is made to adhere to NAWs guidelines for newsletters. The content contained herein expresses the views and knowledge of its contributors, not N.A. as a whole.

Editor: Nick B.

Newsletter Meeting: TBD, send an email to the above email and we will let you know!

Upcoming Events

AASCNA Business Meeting	Kenai Campout and Fishing Derby	Campvention	World Unity Day!
<p>The AASC Meeting is typically held the 1st Monday of the Month. Anyone is welcome to attend</p> <p>Peggy's Airport Café 1675 East 5th Avenue (Across from Merrill Field)</p>	<p>July 8-10 (11:30-4pm) Soldotna, AK</p> <p>Dolly Varden Lake Mile 14 Swanson River Road</p> <p>Derby 10\$ (kids 5\$), BBQ, Meetings, potato Salad cookoff (5\$ entry)</p>	<p>August 5-7th Soldotna, AK</p> <p>Alaska Christian Retreat 37925 Deville Rd.</p> <p>FUN! FELLOWSHIP! FOOD! First Come, First Serve Annette R. 907-690-6247</p>	<p>AASCNA activities subcommittee is planning a morning event on September 3rd, 2016. Details will be forthcoming!</p>

The History of our Symbol

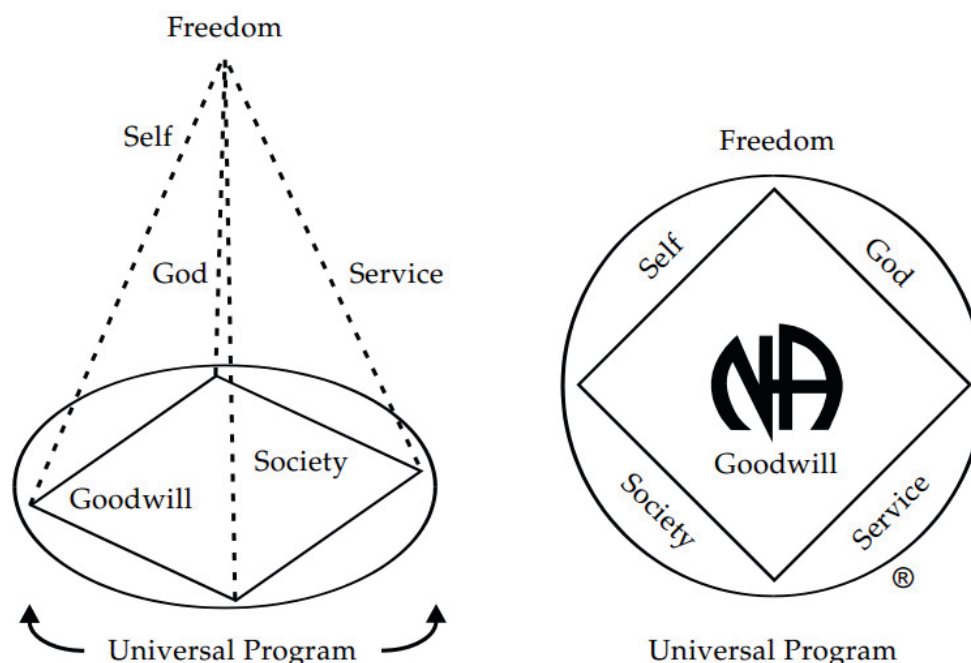
(Part 1 of a 5-part Series) By Frank Z.

No doubt you have seen countless images of our NA symbol, especially in our official literature, but how often have you taken the time to study the graphic and reflect on its meaning? The symbol, designed in the late '60's, is often called our "Service Symbol." It has a noteworthy and evolving history.

One of our founders was hospitalized with tuberculosis for several years. At that time, he had been clean for 17 or 18 years. He is the one who designed this symbol as part of a physical therapy activity. One of the things he learned while in the hospital was tooling leather. During this activity, he designed, or created, our symbol. Prior to his illness, he had been a roofer and was quite good at working with his hands.

Many speculate that our symbol originated from the three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous with their three-sided symbol representing Recovery, Unity and Service. Our NA symbol grew out of that idea with a fourth side added to become: Self, Society, Service and God.

For some time after its original creation, the symbol laid dormant. The next time the design was used was, most likely, in the mid-1970's when it was modified to be part of an approved literature stamp. It was published in 1976 at the beginning of the booklet *The NA Tree* which was the first service structure document that we had. Our symbol now has two registered trademarks.



June 2016 Area Report

Old Business

The GSF motion to alternate the Area Business meeting with the Group Support Forum each month failed with strong opposition.

The motion waving the nomination service requirements for Jen B for Activities Chair, Victorious for Activities Chair, and Nick B for Newsletter Chair passed with strong support.

Nick B and Jen B were elected to Newsletter Chair and Activities Chair respectively.

The ad hoc committee to find a new venue for the Area Business meeting recommended that the BP facility host our monthly meeting. There was a walk through scheduled for Weds June 15 and reportedly it is a fine facility.

New Business

Clean and Serene brought a motion the literature adopt a couple of provisions, which is as follows:

1. That Literature subcommittee bring literature stock to the Area meeting for sales. Literature subcommittee can continue to deliver literature but this simplifies distribution since the literature subcommittee and the groups attend the Area subcommittee.
2. That Literature not make orders from NAWS that are under \$500. For all but special orders, we get 15% off from NAWS when we buy in bulk over \$500. (15% generally pays for the freight cost. 15% of \$500 is \$75.)

The NA Way group voiced a desire to change the election for Activities chair from April to October. The purpose of the motion is to for continuity of the Activities Chair during Spring when the Memorial Day picnic is being planned. Alan, Area Chair, is going to work with Charlie to draft the motion for introduction in September.

Treasury Report

The current balance in the Area bank account is \$2804, well above the prudent reserve of \$1500.

Group News

907 Recovery now meets at 4 pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at the Alano Club.

Sisters-in-the-Solution now meets on Sunday at 3 pm at the Alano Club.