

THE 12 TRADITIONS

- 1-JAN Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- 2-FEB 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.
- 3-MAR The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4-APR Each group should be autonomous (**ah-tahn'-uh-muss**) except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- 5-MAY Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6-JUN An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7-JUL Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8-AUG Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9-SEP A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10-OCT Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11-NOV Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity (**anna-nim'-itty**) at the level of press, radio, and films.
- 12-DEC Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.