

For the new GSRs starting your service in January.

I hope you really enjoy your first assembly as a GSR or Alternate. Remember that Concept 1 puts the direction of AA's future in the hands of the AA groups, something not stressed enough.

When you show up at your assembly it will look as if others are in charge. They will have fancy titles and panel numbers and many sit at a head table, do not be intimidated by these things, you must remember that all of the people sitting at this table are there to serve the groups, not direct the groups, not enlighten the groups, and not control the groups. You have a sacred responsibility to make sure on behalf of your group that this group of people is handling your area's business the way the groups want and nothing less.

Pay attention to how your area spends time and if time is being wasted. Are you getting full and complete reports of the latest news from the General Service Board and office? Are you spending too much time debating rules and guidelines and not enough on how your area can better carry the message? Are the committees that carry the message getting enough time to report their activity or do rules and guidelines get more attention? Is "your" money being watched over prudently and is it being spent wisely, if not speak up.

Are you encouraged to ask questions of your trusted servants or are you considered a trouble maker for just asking questions?

Watch out for the number one spiritual sickness in all of AA service, the so called untreated alcoholism of AA service, when a trusted servant or group of Servants believes that they somehow know better than the AA groups.