

# GSR Orientation

- ∞ Who is here?
- ∞ Why is GSR the most important job?
- ∞ Service Structure – where do you fit?
- ∞ AA Literature – Key for GSR role
- ∞ What to do when you forget everything you've heard
- ∞ Link your group to GSSA and GSO



# Who is here?



- ⌘ How many GSR's – 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year?
- ⌘ How many Alt GSR's – 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year?
- ⌘ How many are here for their 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly?
- ⌘ Who went to the DCM/GSR 101 workshop this morning?

# Why is the GSR so important?



- ❧ Key to making sure AA is there when someone reaches out for help....
- ❧ Keeps Meeting Schedules Up to date
- ❧ Is the message being carried to corrections, treatment centers, Dui Schools, general public?
- ❧ Do local doctors, psychologist, and professionals know what AA does and where to send people?
- ❧ Volunteer, Fill Needs, & Drive Participation at AA Events

# Why is it the most important job?

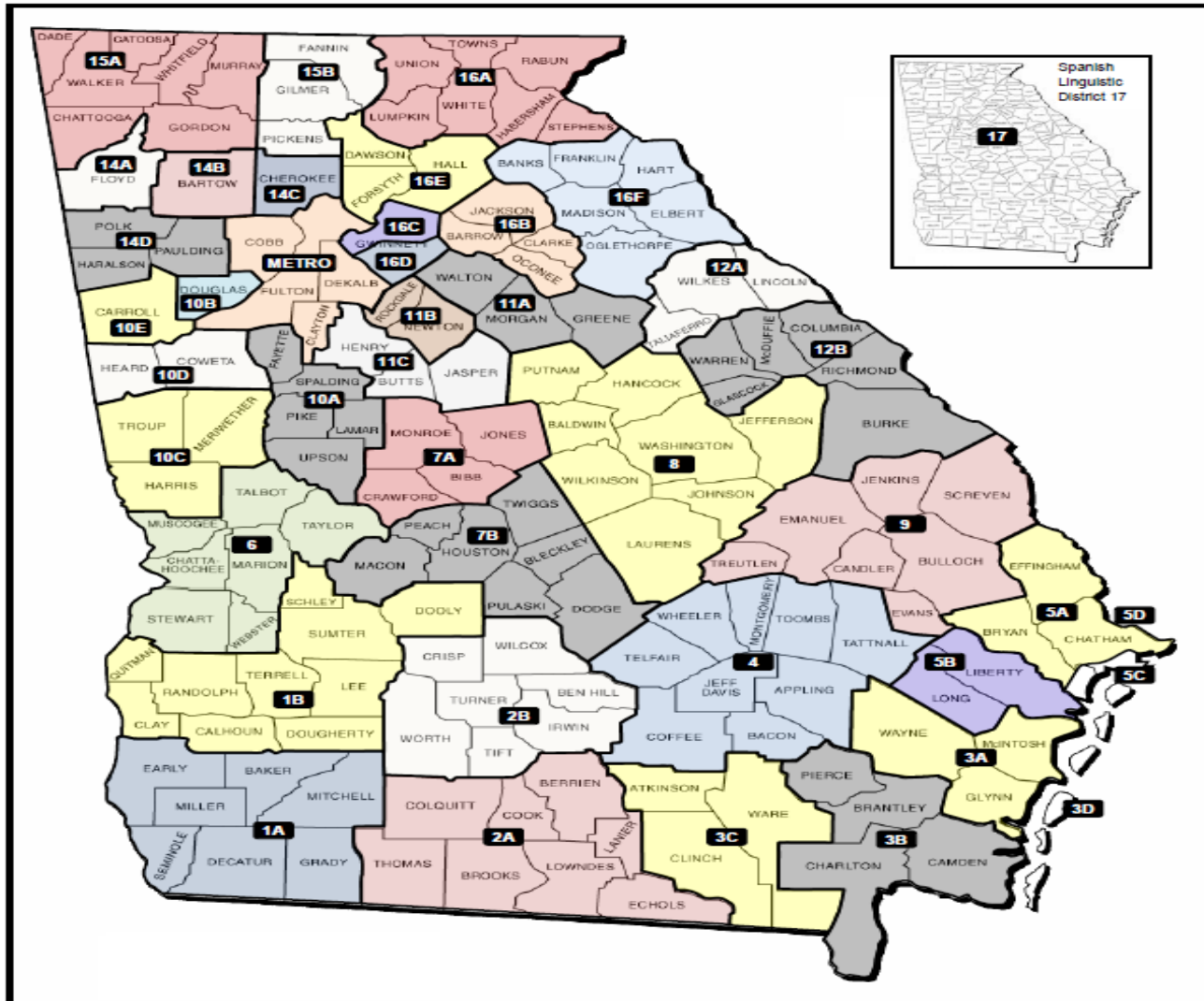


“GSR: May be most the Important service position in AA. -Bill W “  
- Cover GSR Pamphlet

- ☞ You link your home group with the whole of AA
- ☞ Transmit ideas and opinions as well as facts; through you the group conscience become a part of the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.



# Area 16



# How long are you in for?



- ❧ 2 Years Alt
  - ❧ 2 Years GSR
  - ❧ Requirements:
    - ❧ 2-3 yrs sobriety
    - ❧ Active Membership in a Home Group
    - ❧ Keen Interest in the traditions
    - ❧ Patience, understanding, and a determination to place principles before personalities.
- “By choosing its most qualified man or woman as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future – and the future of A.A. as a whole”. Page 2 G.S.R. pamphlet

# What makes a good GSR If you don't hear anything else!



- ☞ Show up – Attendance
- ☞ Study – AA Literature
- ☞ Speak up – Don't be Shy, ask questions
- ☞ Have Fun be an ambassador of Service

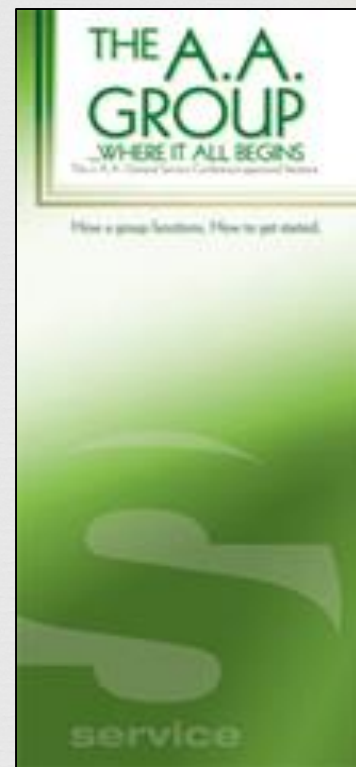


# Get Some Facts: Be Informed

## (Traditions, Group Affairs, AA as a Whole)



- Several good pamphlets to read: The AA Group, Traditions and Concepts Illustrated, GSR, Circles of Love and Service
- GA Service Manual(s)
- Read AA Comes of Age, Dr. Bob and The Good Old Timers, Pass It on: the Story of Bill W., Language of the Heart



*"This way to sanity and serenity – the price is self-sacrifice"*

*P17 AA Traditions*



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☞ Read the Long Form of the Traditions

☞ Read the 12x12

☞ Learn the Concepts



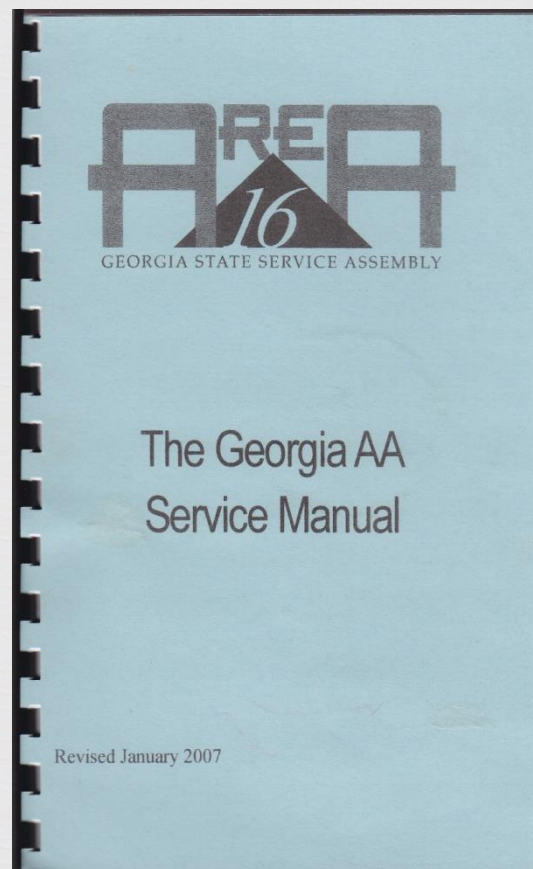
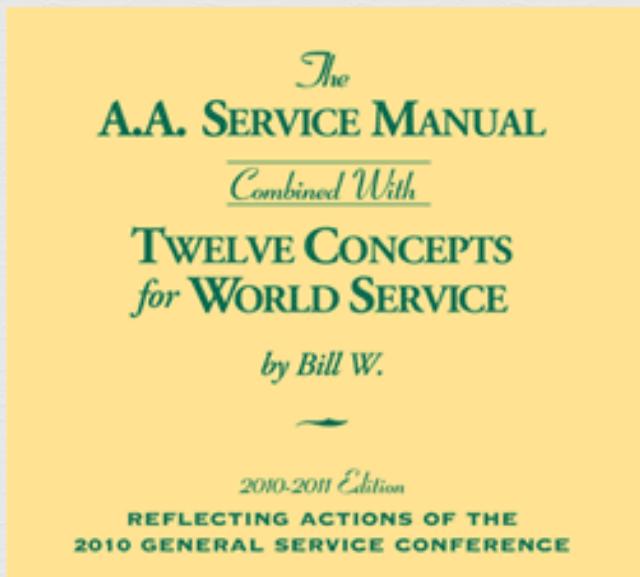
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# GSR “Guardian of the Traditions”

*AA experience has taught us...*

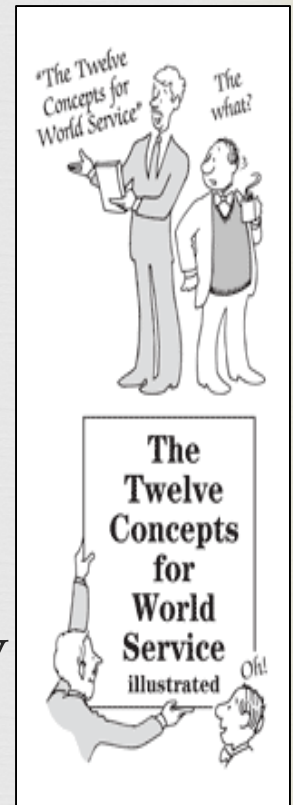


- I. AA must live or most of us must surely die
- II. Ultimate authority is a loving God as He may express himself in our group conscience.
- IV. Answer to no one (other than God) BUT other Groups ought to be consulted
- VI. Don't go into business and be careful how you name your group
- XII. Place principles before personalities.

# Concepts



- ❧ I – Authority & Responsibility Reside in Collective Conscious
- ❧ III- Right of Decision
- ❧ IV- Right of Participation (everyone gets a vote)
- ❧ V-Right of Appeal (duty of minority, protection against misinformed, uninformed, hasty or angry majority)
- ❧ IX – Good Service Leaders are Indispensible



# Show up: Where do I go?



January, May, and September – 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend

❧ Friday - Meeting

❧ Saturday - Workshops and Speaker Meeting

❧ Sunday - Business Meeting **Register by 9:00 a.m.**



# What do I do at the Assembly?



- ✧ Attend Workshops
- ✧ Listen to Reports (Delegate, Treatment, PI, CPC, ...) and bring calls to action back to your group.
- ✧ Participate in Discussion important to AA
- ✧ Get materials to bring back to your groups
- ✧ Vote your group conscious
- ✧ Agenda in the Message and Published [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org)



# Show up



- ❧ When is your group conscious
- ❧ When does your Zone/District meet
- ❧ What is needed from your group
- ❧ What problems is your group having that maybe others have experienced
- ❧ Have you attended the cluster forums

*You're the Service Leader  
and the link to local AA, the community,  
outside agencies, and AA as a whole*

# The Group Conscience



- ❧ Decided Meeting Types and Times
- ❧ Make sure literature is stocked
- ❧ Review group Finances
- ❧ Members gather to discuss the type of coffee which will be server
- ❧ *Ultimate Authority is GOD (Tradition 2)*
- ❧ Primary Purpose of any AA group is to carry the AA. Message to *Alcoholics (Tradition 5)*



# Link Your Group to the district



❧ Pass on reports

❧ Announcements

❧ Cluster Forums, State Prepaid, Round-ups, Assemblies, Workshops

❧ District, State, or Local Needs

❧ Vote on Issues



# What do I do at the district meetings?

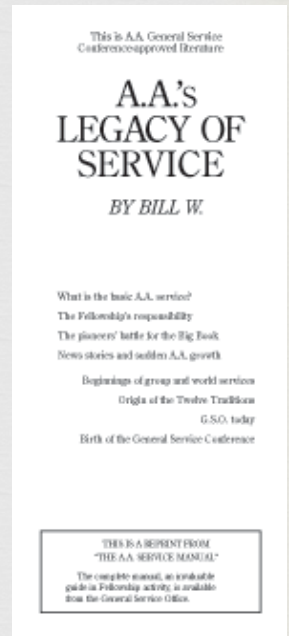


- ❧ Listen to Reports (DCM, Treasure, Treatment, PI, CPC, ...) and bring calls to action back to your group.
- ❧ Participate in Discussion important to local district and Area 16.
- ❧ Get materials (Flyers) to bring back to your groups
- ❧ Vote your group conscious
- ❧ Help Fill Positions
- ❧ Gather information about other groups (changes, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Problems)

# Link Your Group to GSSA



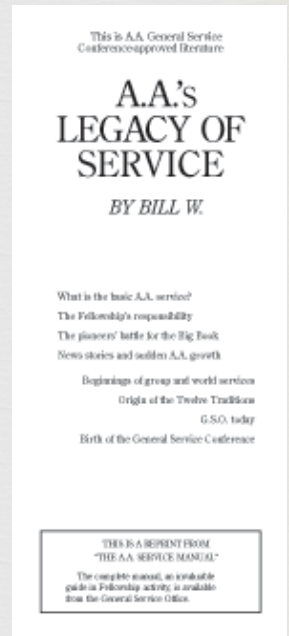
- ❧ Pass on reports
- ❧ Announcements
  - ❧ Cluster Forums, State Prepaid, Round-ups, Assemblies, Workshops
  - ❧ District, State, or Local Needs
- ❧ Keep Meeting Info Up-to-Date
- ❧ Keep Directory Info Up-to-Date
- ❧ Vote the Group Conscious



# Link Your Group to GSO/AAWS



- ❧ Let your group know what literature is available (Books, Pamphlets, Workbooks, Bulletins)
- ❧ Make Announcements/Flyers
  - ❧ International Convention
  - ❧ Regional Forums
- ❧ Grapevine
- ❧ Financial Reports
- ❧ Contributions (Group & Birthday)



# I'm even more confused now!



- ❧ Ask questions of those who have severed before you
- ❧ Read the GSR, The AA Group and Circle of Love and Service pamphlets
- ❧ Read A.A. Comes of Age
- ❧ Get a Copy of the Service Manual
- ❧ Go to AA.Org and look around
- ❧ Read the Georgia Message and make sure your group is informed on the issues
- ❧ Attend the Group Consc, District Meetings, Cluster Forum, Assembly
- ❧ Rewarding - Have fun...

# Questions?



“...lets not louse this up with things interesting to the mind but has very little to do with our program which when boiled down are love and service....”

