

Delegate's Corner
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Unity

A common problem and a common solution—is that not the cement that binds AA together in Unity? I see that happening in communities around us that have experienced a catastrophic event which is their common problem. These communities come together to clean up after a hurricane, a tornado or a fire. A common solution of rebuilding emerges.

We in AA have the deadly disease of alcoholism. This disease threatens our lives and sanity. Yet the triumph and celebration that happens at a chip meeting, where we get to witness the disease being arrested by the 12 steps is still an event grabs our hearts. We can rejoice in unity.

So I have been concerned about our unity lately. I seem to be reaching deeply into my Faith pocket as I watch what is going around me. I ask myself what kind of action helps with Unity. What can I do? In order to practice the first Tradition, we need the action of the second Tradition: an informed group conscience. That is why I participate in the business meeting of the groups I regularly attend. I love attending District meetings and watching others as they discuss their business. I see the first Tradition and the second Tradition being practiced at our Area business meeting and our assemblies. And now I have seen it at the Conference. We discuss what is best for our common welfare – what is best for all of us.

In the Conference Report on page 13, there is a profound statement in the presentation on “Communication – Today and Tomorrow” written by Thomas G. He says, “If they (the group members) don’t exercise their responsibility to voice their opinions and concerns within the organizational model, then they are giving up their privilege to contribute to the process of our association.”

Yes, we need all voices. We need participation. We need to speak up and we need to listen to each other. Sometimes it is hard to listen to what is being said. But it takes ALL voices to have an informed group conscience. All voices are needed.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
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